THE PVRSVIT OF THE HISTORIE OF LAZARILLO DE TORMEZ.

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TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE,

IAMES, Lord STRANGE,

Mr ROBERT STANLEY,

And

The Lady ANNE CARRE.

The Hopefull Issue of the Truly Noble *William*, Earle of *Darby*, and his vertuous Counteſſe *Elizabeth*, a fruitfull Branch of the Ancient and Illuſtrious Houſe of OXFORD.

T. W. *in humble acknowledgement* of his Duty and Seruice to their Parents, themſelues, and both the *Families, from whence they are derined.*

Dedicateth this ſtrangely recouered Continuation of the pleaſant Hiſtorie of LAZARILLO DE TORMES.

CARTA DEDICATORIA.

AL ILLVSTRISSIMO y excellentissimo Señor Don *Roberto Car* de *Ancram*, Cauallero titulado, y de la Camara Priuada, gran Tesorero de cosas *extraordinarias de su Alteça el Principe de Galles.*

Illustrissimo y excelentissimo Señor:

DOs cosas me han mouido a dedicar a vu Senoria esta obra: la vna y mas principal es, para mo-

ſtrar en algo la voluntad que tengo de ſeruir a quien por tantos titulos lo merece, y a quien eſtoy tan obligado. La otra para arrimar al pobre *Lazaro* a la ſombra, y amparo de quien con ſu autoridad le defienda, con ſu virtud lo adorne, y con ſu ſauiduria lo califique. Las verdades deſnudas y ſin reboço que eſte libro dize, le han hecho paſar por el fuego, para que acriſolado llegaſſe a las manos de vu Señoria. He lo hecho traducir en Ingles, fiel, y literalmente, para que ſe manifieſte ſu inocencia, y vea que

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en el no ay cosa que pase los limites de vna honesta, licita y loable recreacion : antes es vna centinela que descubre de lexos los enemigos, y muestra los tropieços y barrancos, en que los inorantes por falta de aduertécia caen, y tropieçan. Suplico a vu Señoria le reciua con su clemencia, y bondad acostumbrada, no echando a atreuimiento, lo que ha nacido del deseo que tengo de emplear mi vida, y fuerças, en seruicio de quien soy el mas humilde, y obediente de sus criados.

I. DE LVNA.

THE AVTHOR to the Reader.

THe occaſion (gentle Reader) of Printing the Second Part of Lazarillo de Tormes hath beene, that there came to my hands a little Pamphlet, which treats of his Life, without any likelyhood of truth. The greateſt part of it is ſtuffe, with telling how Lazaro fell into the Sea, where he was turned into a Fiſh called a Tunny, and liued there many yeeres, marrying with a ſhee Tunny, by whom he had Children, as much Fiſhes as the Father and Mother. It relateth alſo the warres that the Tunnies made, Lazaro being their Captaine, and many other Tales, as ridiculous

dículous as falſe, and as ill grounded as fooliſh. And queſtionleſſe, the Author of it had a mind to vtter ſome fooliſh Dreame, or ſome dreamed folly. That Booke (I ſay) hath been the firſt motiue, that hath moued me to bring to light this ſecond Part, word for word, without adding or diminiſhing, as I haue ſeen it written in certain Scroules kept in the Treaſurie of Records of the Beggars of Toledo, *and as I haue heard it a hundred times told by my Grandmother, and Aunts, by the Fires ſide in the winter nights, and with the which my Nurſe hath weaned me. For the better confirmation, I remember how they and others of our neighbours would diſpute, How it could be poſsible that* Lazaro *could be ſo long vnder water (as is ſaid in this ſecond Part) without drowning? Some held* pro, *and the others,* con. *The firſt quoted* Lazaro *himſelfe; who ſaid, That the water could not get into him, by reaſon*

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that he was filled and crammed vp to the very mouth. A good old man, well skild in Swimming, to proue that to be an easie matter, interposed his authoritie, affirming, That hee had seene a man, who going to swimme in the riuer Tagus, *diued vnder water, and remained in certaine Caues from Sunne-set vntill next morning, that by the Sun-shine he did find the way out: and when as his Parents and Friends were nearie of bewayling and seeking his Body, to giue it buriall, he came forth safe and sound. The other difficultie that they found in his life, was, That no body did take* Lazaro *for a man, and that as many as saw him, should take him for Fish. To this answered a good Canon (who by reason that he was very old, did commonly sit in the Sunne among the Distaffe-Spinsters) That it was most likely of all, as agreeing with the opinion of many ancient and moderne Writers, as among others,* Pliny, Ælian,

Ælian, Aristotle, Albertus Magnus, *who affirme, That there are certaine Fishes in the Sea, the Males they call* Tritons, *& the Females* Nereids, *and all of them Sea-men, who from the Girdle vpward haue the shape of perfect Men, and from thence downeward of Fishes. And I say, that although that opinion had not beene defended by so well approued Authors; yet the Licence that the Fishermen had from the Lords Inquisitors, might suffice to excuse the* Spanish *ignorance, seeing it had been a case of Inquisition to haue doubted of a matter which their Lordships had consented should be shewne for such. And to this purpose (though out of my compasse) I will relate an accident that befell a labouring man of my Countrey: which was, That one of the Inquisitors hauing sent for him, to begge some of his Peares of him, which hee had heard were excellent; the poore Clowne*

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not knowing why his Lordship should send for him, was so skared, that hee fell sicke vpon it, till that by the meanes of a friend of his hee vnderstood the businesse: And then presently starting from his Bed, he ranne into his Garden, pluckt vp the Tree by the roote, and presently sent it with the Fruit, saying, hee would not keepe in his house an occasion for their Lordships to send for him another time; so great is the feare that not onely labouring men, and the baser sort of people, but euen the Lords and Grands haue of them. All of them tremble when they heare these words, Inquisitor, and Inquisition, more then the Leaues vpon the Tree with the gentle Zephirus. This is that which I haue beene willing to warne the Reader of, that he may be the readier to answer, when such Questions shall be propounded in his presence.

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To the Reader.

If hee accept this Second Part, let him expect the Third, with the Death and Testament of Lazarillo, *which is the best of all: If not, hee may at least receive my good will. Fare-well.*

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THE PVRSVIT OF THE HISTORIE OF LAZARILLO DE TORMES:

Gathered out of the ancient Chronicles of *Toledo*.

CHAP. I.

In the which, Lazaro *telleth how he parted from* Toledo, *to goe to the Warres of* Argiers.

WHo hath the beſt, & worſt doth loue; muſt not be grieu'd if worſt hee proue. I ſpeake it to this purpoſe, that I neither could nor would containe my ſelfe in that

good course which Fortune had offered me: Change being in me as an inseparable accident, that accompanied me as well in my best and plenteous, as in my worst and disastrous fortunes; enioying then the happiest life that euer Patriarch did, eating like an inuited Fryer, drinking more then at a Gossipping, better clothed then a Iesuite, and with two round dozens of Ryals in my Purse, surer then any Huckster of *Madrid*; my House full, as a Bee-hiue; a daughter got in Capricorne; and an Office, which the Dog-whipper of the Cathedrall Church of *Toledo* might well haue enuyed: Newes came of the Expedition for *Argiers*, which disquieted me very much, & made me determine (as a good sonne) to follow the steps and tracke of my good father *Thomas Gonzales* (whō God absolue) with a desire to leaue

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to poſter ages a patterne & exam-
ple, not to leade a crafty blind man,
pick the Loafe of a couetous Prieſt,
ſerue a needy thredbare Squire, and
laſtly, to proclaime the faults of o-
ther men: but to open the eyes of
Mores, blinded with errors; to ſinke
and batter the bold and Pyraticall
Nauie; to ſerue a valiant Captaine,
of the Order of S. *Iohn*; with whom
I placed my ſelfe Butler, vpon this
cõdition, That whatſoeuer I ſhould
get in warre, ſhould be mine owne,
as it was; and laſtly, the patterne and
example that I meant to leaue, was,
to encourage & animate, in crying
S. *Iames*, and, Stand to it *Spaine*. I
tooke leaue of my welbeloued wife
and of my deare daughter: The one
entreated me not to forget to bring
her a little *Blackamore*; the other de-
ſired me to be mindfull to ſend her
by the firſt Carrier a Slaue, to wait
vpon her, & ſome *Barbary Cecchines*,

with which she might comfort her selfe in my absence. I asked leaue of the Arch-Priest my Master, to whose care and custodie I committed both my Wife, and Daughter, who promised mee to deale with them in no worse manner, then if they had beene his owne. I parted from *Toledo* iouiall, stately, and content (as all are that goe to the Warres) puft vp with glorious hopes, accompanied with a great number of friends, and neighbors, that went the same Voyage, carried with a desire of bettering their fortune. Wee came to *Murcia*, with intention to goe shippe our selues at *Cartagena*: where, there befell me that which I little wished, to make me know, that Fortune, who had set me on the toppe of her vnconstant Wheele, and aduanced me to the highest degree of earthly felicitie, began alreadie (in her swift course)

course) to hurle me downe headlong to the loweſt. The chaunce was, that comming to our Lodgings, I ſaw a ſemy-man, who ſeemed rather a hee Goat, by reaſon of his ragged and tottered Garments; his Hat was pulled downe ouer his eyes, ſo that I could by no meanes ſee his face; hee leaned his cheeke vpon his hand, and had his legge croſſe ouer his Sword, which he wore in a halfe Scabbard made of Liſts: his Hat (right Beggars Blocke) had no crowne, the better to euaporate the humours of his head: his Doublet was of the *French* faſhion, ſo cut and ſlaſht with wearing, as there was not a piece left bigge ynough, to wrap vp halfe a farthing worth of Cummin Seed in: his Shirt was of fleſh, which might be ſeene through the Grate of his Garment; his Breeches were ſutable: his Stockings,

the one red, the other greene; came scarce to his Anckles; his Shooes without Soles, were as good to be drawne as carried. By a Cocks Fether which hee wore in his Hat, I thought hee should be a Souldier; With this imagination, I asked him from whence he was, and whither hee went? Hee casting vp his eyes, to see who hee was that questioned him, straight knew me, and likewise I him; it was the Squire whom I had serued in *Toledo*: I was astonished to see him in such a pickle. Hee obserning my amazement, said to me; I maruell not (friend *Lazaro*) if thou doest wonder to see me in this Equipage: but anon thou shalt leaue wondring, when I haue told thee what hath happened vnto me, since the time that I left thee in *Toledo* vntill now. Returning to my Lodging, with the change of my Pistolet to discharge

charge my Creditors, I met with a Woman, close wrapt vp in her Veyle; who pulling mee by the Cloake, with teares, and sighes, mingled with sobs, entreated mee earnestly to be fauourable vnto her, in an vrgent necessitie. I bad her speake her griefe, which she should be longer in telling, then I in helping. Shee continuing her weeping, with a maidenly shamefastnesse said, That the courtesie which I was to doe her, and whereof shee was to request me, was, to accompanie her vnto *Madrid*, where shee was told, that a Gentleman was, who not content to haue dishonoured her, had also robbed her of all her Iewels, without any regard to the promise of Marriage which hee had giuen her; and that if I would doe this for her, shee would doe for mee what a thankfull woman is obliged to doe.

I comforted her after the best manner that I could; giuing her this hope, that if her enemie were to be found in the World, shee might hold her selfe alreadie reuenged. To conclude, without any delay we set forward towards the Court, whitherto I bare all the charges. The good Damsell (that knew well whither she went) carried me to a Band of Souldiers, who receiued her with all chearefulnesse, and brought her before the Captaine, to haue her enrolled for one of their Cockatrices: Then turning her selfe towards me, with a shameleſſe and brazen countenance shee said, Farewell Master Lubber, I haue now no more need of you. I seeing my selfe thus gull'd, began to rage and foame at my mouth, telling her, that if shee had beene a man, as well as shee was a woman, I would haue pulled her Soule vp

by the roots out of her Body. A petty Souldier among the reſt roſe vp to me, and laying his hand vpon my face, made me aduance a Baboones Snowt; not daring to giue me a boxe on the eare; which if hee had, his Graue might haue beene digged in the ſame place. When I ſaw the matter grow worſe and worſe, Mum ſayd I, and went my way a little faſter then ordinarie, to trie if ſome tall fellow or other durſt haue followed mee, that wee might haue cut one anothers throat; for had I encountred with any of the baſer ſtampe, and had killed him (as without doubt I had) what honour or what credite had I gotten? But if the Captaine had come forth, or ſome Swaſh-buckler, I would haue giuen him more ſlaſhes then there is Sand in the Sea. When I perceiued that none durſt follow me,

I went away very well pleased. After that, I sought for a Seruice, and because I could not finde such a one as I deserue, I am as thou seest mee. The troth is, that I might haue beene Butler or Vsher to fiue or sixe Botcher-Wiues; Offices, that though I were readie to starue, I would not accept of. Finally, my good Master said, that because hee could not meete with certaine Marchants of his Countrey, who would haue lent him Money, hee was without it, and knew not whither to goe that Night. I, that straight smelt his meaning, inuited him to the halfe of my Bed, and Supper; which offer hee willingly accepted. As wee went to Bed, I desired him not to lay his Clothes vpon it, because it was too little for so much companie. The next morning, thinking to rise without any

any noyſe, I reached my hand to my Clothes, but I found *Blancko*; for the Slaue had ſtollen them, and was gone away with them. I thought verily I ſhould haue died in my Bed for ſorrow: and it had beene farre better for me, for then had I eſcaped the many deaths, which ſince I haue ſuffered. I begun to cry as loud as I could, Theeues, Theeues; which thoſe of the houſe hearing, came vp, and found me as a Swimmer new come out of the Water, ſeeking in euery corner of the Chamber ſomething to couer me. They all fell a laughing, as if they had beene mad, and I a ſwearing, like a Carman. I gaue to the Diuel that Theefe, and bragging Cheater, who halfe the night long had kept mee awake, with telling mee the greatneſſe of his perſon, and kindred. All the remedie that for that time I could finde (no body

body helping mee with a better) was to trie, if the Garments of that ſaid Braggadocio could fit mee, till God had ſent mee ſome others. But it was a Labyrinth; they had neither beginning, nor ending: there was no difference betwixt Breeches, and Ierkin. I thruſt my Legges into the Sleeues, and wore the Breeches for a Doublet; not forgetting the Stockings, which ſeemed to bee ſome Chandlers drawing Sleeues: the Shooes were like Shackles about my Legges, becauſe they wanted Soles. I blockt on the Hat, the Crowne downeward, becauſe it was leſſe greaſie. And as for the troupes that trauelled ouer me on foot and horſebacke, I let them paſſe. In this Habit went I to my Maſter, who had ſent to call mee; who wondering to ſee ſuch a skare-Crow, fell into ſuch a laughter,

that

that his backe-ſtrings ſlackening, hee could hold no longer, but made ſluſh; the which (for his credite) it is fitting ones tongue ſhould paſſe ouer with ſilence. After a thouſand ſtoppes, hee asked mee the reaſon of this Diſguiſe; I told it him: And thereupon, in ſtead of taking pittie of mee, hee chid mee, and turned mee out of doores, ſaying, That as then I had brought that man into my Bedde; ſo another time, I would doe the like with ſome other, that would robbe him.

CHAP.

Chap. II.

How Lazaro *tooke ſhipping at* Cartagena.

I Alwayes haue had a gift, not to ſtay long with one Maſter; no more did I with this, though not by my fault. I ſaw my ſelfe forſaken, alone, and diſtreſſed; in ſuch plight, as euery one would thruſt mee from him, gybing and laughing at mee. One would tell mee, That Hat with a Back-doore, is not much amiſſe; it lookes like a Dutch-womans Cappe: Another would ſay, That Doublet is of the Faſhion, it is like a Hoggeſtie; and the rather, ſeeing your Worſhip is in it: they runne ſo thicke, that hee might kill them, and ſend them ſalted to the good Lady his Wife. A Snap-ſacke-bearer ſaid to mee, Fore God Sir

Lazaro,

Lazaro, thoſe Stockings make you a very good Calfe. Euery one did ſo ſcoffe and flout mee, that I was in minde to returne home againe, but that I thought, that there would be but poore Warres, if I ſhould not get more then I had loſt. That, that grieued mee moſt, was, that they fled from me as from one that were infected. Wee tooke ſhipping at *Cartagena*: the Ship was great, and well prouided. They hoyſted vp the Sailes, and committed them to the Winde, which carryed it, & droue it with great ſwiftneſſe. The ſhore vaniſhed from our ſight, and the Sea begun to ſwell with a contrary Wind, which rayſed the Billowes vnto the Clouds. The tempeſt encreaſed, & our hope diminiſhed. The Mariners & Pilots gaue vs ouer: The wayling & weeping was ſo great, that me thought we were at a *Good-friday* corfection.

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The noyse was so great, that nothing of what was commanded, could bee vnderstood: The one runn'd to one place, the other to another: wee all seemed Braziers. Euery one confessed himselfe to whom hee could: such there were as confessed themselues to a Punke; who gaue them the absolution after as good a manner, as if shee had exercised the Office many yeeres. It is good angling in a muddie Water: When I saw that they were all busie, I said to my selfe, Die then, and die full. And thereupon I went downe to the bottome of the Ship, where there was great store of Bread, Wine, Pasties, and Preserues, for no body said so much as, what make you heere? I began to eate of all, and to fill my belly, that I might haue prouision ynough till Doomes-day. In the meane time there came a Souldier

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to me, desiring me to shriue him: Who, amazed to see me with so good Cheere, and Appetite, asked me, How I could eate, seeing death before mine eyes? I answered him, That I did it for feare lest the Sea-water, which I was to drinke in my drowning, should doe mee any harme. This my simplicitie, made him fetch a laugh from his heeles. Many confessed themselues to me, not able to vtter one true word for griefe and feare; nor I to hearken vnto them, for hast that I had to fill my selfe. The Captaines, and men of note, with two Priests that were there, saued themselues in the Cock-boat. I being ill apparelled, could not be receiued into it. When I had eaten my fill, I went me to a Hogs-head of good Wine, and there powring downe my Throat as much as euer I could, I forgot both my selfe and the Tempest. The

Ship ouerturned, and the Water came in, as in her home. A Corporall taking hold of both my hands amidst the pangs of death, desired mee to heare a sinne whereof hee would confesse himselfe vnto me; which was, That he had not fulfilled a Pennance which had bin enioyned him, to goe on Pilgrimage to our Lady of *Loretta*, having had many opportunities to effect it; and that then, when hee would, hee could not. I told him, that by the authoritie which I had receiued, I did change it him; and that in stead of going to our Lady of *Loretta*, he should go to S. *Iames*. Alas Sir (said hee) how willingly would I accomplish this Pennance; but already the water begins to get into my mouth so that I cannot. If it be so, said I againe, I enioyne you for your Pennance to drinke all the water of the Sea: but he did not execute

ecute it, by reason that there were others that drunke as much as hee. The water comming to my mouth, I cryed out, To another doore, for this cannot open; and although it had beene open, yet could it not haue entred, because my body was so full of Wine, that it lookt like a puft Bladder. At the noyse of the cracking of the Ship, came a great quantitie of Fish, eating the flesh of the Wretches that were drowned (and not in a little Water) as if they fed in a Common. In the little time that I was a going to the bottome, and comming vp againe, I saw incredible things: An infinite number of Bones, and Bodies of Men; great store of Coffers, full of Money and Iewels, great quantitie of Armes, Silkes, Linnen, and Spices. I had a great mind to all, and it grieued me much, that I had it not all safe at home, with which (as a *Biscay* said)

I would eat my Bread printed with *Sardaines*. If I could but get out these Riches now (said I to my selfe) no Inne-keeper in the World should fare more delicately then I. I would build Houses, establish Reuenewes, and purchase a Garden in the *Zigarrales*. My Wife should stile her selfe Lady, and I Lordship: I would marry my daughter to the richest Cooke in my Countrey. Euery one would come and congratulate mee, and I would tell them, that I had wraught fairely, drawing my Wealth, not out of the entrailes of the Earth, but from the very heart of the Sea: not wet with sweat, but through wet with water, as any dried *Poore-Iohn*. In all my life, I was neuer so content as then; not considering, that if I opened my mouth, I should remaine there buried with the Treasure, for euer and a day.

Zigarrales is a place in *Toledo*, where there are very pleasant Gardens.

CHAP.

Chap. III.

How Lazaro *came out of the Sea.*

SEeing my ſelfe ſo neere vnto my end, I feared; and ſo nigh the Treaſure, I reioyced; Death affrighted me, the Treaſure delighted me. To ſhun that, ſince I could not enioy this, I rent off from my backe the ragges that the Squire my Maſter had left me, for the good ſeruices which I had done him, and began to ſwimme (though I had but very little skill therein) Neceſſitie giuing Wings to my feet, and Oares to my hands. I know not how, a Cord faſtened about my foot, which (as farre as I could perceiue) was tyed to a great Cheſt (without doubt, full of Iewels) which, though I could, I would not vnlooſen; imagining, whether

my former thoughts might not haue beene some prophecie. But such was my bad lucke, that if all the prophecies in the World had promised me some happy and constant fortune, yet none of them had come to passe. As the Cord lengthened, my hopes and ambition encreased, beleeuing, that if I could but come a shoare with it, I would draw and pull out of the Sea that great Chest, wherewith *Lazaro* should be more wealthy, and more respected, then *Prester Iohn* of the *Indies*. The Fishes which were about mee, came to bite mee, thrusting mee forward with their bobs, which were to mee as a Stirrop: And so they togging, and I kicking, wee came almost to the top of the Water, where there befell mee a chance, which was cause of all my misfortune. The Fishes and I ranne into a Net, which cer-

certaine Fishermen had cast forth; who feeling a Draught, drew it vp with such violence (and the Water with no lesse, beginning to enter into mee) that vnable to resist, I began to drowne, and could not haue escaped, if the Saylers (according to their accustomed haste) had not drawne vp the prey into their Boat. The Diuell take that filthie sauour: in all my life time I neuer drunke worse stuffe; it tasted somewhat like the Worshipfull Arch-Priest his Piste, which once my Wife made mee drinke, telling mee it was Wine of *Ocana*. Hauing put into the Boat the Fishes, and I among them, they began to draw the Gord, by the which (as it is sayd) they pulled vp the bottome: they found mee tyed at it; whereat much amazed, they sayd, What Fish is this, that hath the face of a man?

Ocana, a Citie in *Spaine*, where very good Wine is made.

Is it not some Diuell, or some Spirit? But let vs draw this Rope, and see what Clogge hangs at the heeles. Then fell they a haling and tugging, with such might & maine, that they had like to haue sunke the Boat: Perceiuing the danger, they presently cut the Rope, and with it, the hopes of *Lazaro*, of euer attaining to the greatnesse of the *Gothes*. They held my head downe-ward, that I might the better cast out the Water, as also the Wine, which I had drunke. They perceiued that I was not dead (which had not beene the worst for me) and gaue me a little Wine, with the which (as a Lampe with Oyle) I came againe to my selfe. They asked mee a hundred Questions, but I answered to none of them, vntill such time as they gaue mee some Meate. Then recouering breath, the first thing that I asked them,

The *Gothes* were the first Kings of *Spaine*, fro whence, when a man is termed rich and great, hee is said to be of the *Gothes*.

them, was for the Clogge which I dragged at my foot? They answered mee, that they had cut it, to saue themselues from the danger wherein they were. There did *Troy* loose her selfe, and *Lazaro* his well-placed desires: there began his paines, griefes, and torments. There is no greater vexation in the World, then to haue beene rich, and eleuated to the Hornes of the Moone; and afterward, to become poore, and subiect to fooles. All my *Chimera's* were built vpon the Waters, and in an instant, it drowned them all. Then did I relate vnto the Fishermen, what both they and I had lost, by cutting off my Iesses: which, when they vnderstood, they were so grieued, that one of them had like to runne madde. But one of the graueſt among them sayd, That it would be good to turne

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mee againe into the Sea, and to stay there for mee, vntill I came forth againe. They were all of his opinion; and, notwithstanding all the inconueniences which I represented vnto them, they persisted in their deliberation, saying, That since I knew the way, it would bee an easie thing for mee (as if it had beene no more, then to goe to a Cookes Shop, or to a Tauerne.) They were so blinded with couetousnesse, that alreadie they would haue throwne mee ouer boord, if my good, or rather bad fortune, had not brought to the place where wee were, another Boat, which came to carry away their Draught. Wherefore they held their peace, lest the others should know of the Treasure which they had discouered, and were constrained for that time, to desist from their cruell

cruell intention. They brought their Boates to the Shore, and craftily threw mee among the Fiſhes, with intent to returne to ſeeke mee againe, when conuenientely they might. Then two of them tooke mee, and ſecretly carryed mee to a little Cottage, not farre from thence. One that knew not the myſterie, asked them what was that? They anſwered, That it was a Monſter which they had taken with the Tunnies. When I ſaw my ſelfe in the Lodge, I deſired them to giue mee ſome ragges, or other, to couer my nakedneſſe, that I might ſhew my ſelfe before men. That ſhall bee (anſwered they) when the Reckoning is made with the Hoſteſſe; but I vnderſtood not (at that preſent) that kinde of language. The fame of the Monſter did

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ſpread it ſelfe throughout all the Countrey, ſo that much people came to the Cottage, for to ſee mee: But the Fiſhermen would not ſhew mee, ſaying, That they expected a Licence from the Biſhop and Inquiſitors to that end; vntill when, they deſired to be excuſed. I was amazed, not knowing what to ſay, or doe, little imagining what their intention was. It was with mee as with Cuckolds, who are the laſt that know, that they are ſuch. Theſe Diuels found out an Inuention, the Diuell himſelfe could not haue inuented the like; which requireth a new Chapter, and new attention.

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CHAP. IIII.

How Lazaro *was carryed through all* Spaine.

OCcasion makes the theefe: Which the Fishermen seeing to offer it selfe so faire vnto them, tooke hold of, not onely by the fore-top, but by the whole body. For perceiuing that so great number of people came to see the new Fish, they determined to recompence themselues of the losse that they had made, in cutting the Rope from my foot: and therefore they sent to demaund a Licence of the Inquisitors, to shew ouer all *Spaine* a Fish, that had a mans face. They obtained it very easily, by meanes of a Present which they made to their Lordships, of the best fish they had taken. When then the good *Lazaro* was giuing thanks

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to God, that hee had drawne him out of a Fishes belly (which was a miracle, by so much the greater, by how much my skill and cunning was the lesse, swimming like a Barre of Iron) foure of them (who seemed rather Executioners, such as crucified Christ, then men) came and tooke me vp, and binding my hands behind my backe, put me on a Beard, not forgetting the great Mustachios, and a Perewig made of Mosse, that made me shew like a wilde man in a Garden. They wrapped vp my feete in Flagges, as a Trowt of the Mountaines. I bewayled my mishap, I sighed, complayning of my Destinie. O Fortune (said I) why doest thou persecute mee thus? In all my life I neuer saw nor knew thee: but if by the effects one may iudge of the cause; by the tryall which alreadie I haue had of thee, I

The best Trowts in Spaine are taken in the Springs of Riuers in the Mountaines, from whence they are brought wrapped vp in flagges, for feare of spoyling.

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am verily perſwaded, that no Syrene, Baziliske, Viper, or Lioneſſe with Whelpes, is more cruell then thou art. Thou rayſeſt men by thy flatteries, and cheriſhings, to the higheſt of thy delights, and riches, and from thence doeſt hurle them headlong into the depth of all miſeries and calamities, by ſo much the greater, by how much thy fauours haue beene great. One of theſe my Tormentors hearing my complaint, with a Carter-like voyce ſaid to me, If Maſter Tunnie ſpeakes but a word more, hee ſhall preſently bee ſalted with his companions, or bee burned for a Monſter: The Lords of the Inquiſition (continued hee) haue ordayned, that wee carrie him thorow all the Cities and Places of *Spaine*, to make him bee ſeene of all men, as a Prodigie, and Monſter of Nature.

I swore and vowed vnto them, that I was neyther Tunnie, Monster, nor any such thing, but as good a man as any Neighbours Child whatsoeuer: and that if I was come out of the Sea, it was by reason I had fallen into it, among those that were drowned, going to the Warres of *Argiers*. But they were deafe; and so much the more, that they were not minded to vnderstand mee. Seeing that my prayers were as vainely spent, as Suddes about an Asses face; I put on patience, expecting till Time, that procureth all, should cure my anguish, proceeding from those cursed Metamorphosis. They put mee in a halfe Tubbe, made after the fashion of a Brigantine, full of Water; so that sitting in it, it came vp to my Lippes. I could not stand vpon my feet, for they were tyed with a Rope, whereof one end came

out through a Leaden Pipe, put betweene the hoopes and boards of the ſaid Tub, in ſuch ſort, that if by miſchance I grunted neuer ſo little, in pulling onely the Rope, they made me plunge (like a Duck) and drinke more Water then one that hath the Dropſie. I ſhut my mouth cloſe, till ſuch time as hee that pulled the Rope, had ſlackned it; and then I peeped out with my head like a Tortoyſe, learning from thence-forth by my owne harme to be warie. Being layd in this manner, they ſhewed me to euery one: and the number of thoſe that came to ſee mee, was ſo great, that in one day (euery one paying three halfe-pence) they got two hundred Ryals. The more they gayned, the more they coueted; which made them haue a great care of my welfare. They entred in conſultation, whether it were beſt euery night to

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take me out of the Water, leaſt the ouer-much moiſtneſſe and cold might ſhorten my life, which was dearer vnto them then their owne, for the profit which they receiued by it. At length they concluded, that I ſhould ſtill remaine therein; perſwading themſelues, that cuſtome would turne into nature: ſo that by that meanes, poore *Lazaro* was as greene Rice, or Hempe in a ſtanding Poole. I leaue to the charitable conſideration of the gentle Reader, what in ſuch a caſe I might endure, ſeeing my ſelfe detained in ſo ſtrange a kind of Priſon; a Captiue in a Land of freedome, and fettered by the malice of thoſe couetous Puppet-players; and (which was worſt, and plagued mee moſt) was to be forced to counterfeit the dumbe man, without being ſo; nor to haue power ſo much as to open my mouth, becauſe that at the inſtant

ſtant that I did open it, my Centinell was ſo watchfull, that (without being diſcouered by any one) hee would ſtop it with Water, for feare leaſt I ſhould ſpeake. My meat was ſoaked Bread; which thoſe that came there, threw mee, to ſee mee eate: ſo, that in the ſpace of ſixe moneths that I remained in that Bath, the Deuill a bit of any thing elſe that I did eate, being readie to die for hunger. My drinke was the Water of the Tubbe; which not being very cleane, was the more ſubſtantiall: for the coldneſſe thereof gaue me a Laske, which laſted as long as I continued in that watrie Purgatorie.

Chap. V.

How Lazaro was carryed to the Court.

THeſe Extortioners carryed mee from Citie to Citie, from Towne to Towne, and from Farme to Farme, more jocund with their gaine, then the Earth with May flowers; and flowting poore *Lazaro*, thus did ſing:

Long life and health God graunt vnto the Fiſh,
Who (without working) doth maintaine our Diſh.

The Hearſe wherein I was, was carryed vpon a Cart, and attended by three; the Car-man; hee that drew the Cord when I did offer to ſpeake; and hee that related my life: who likewiſe made the ſpeeches, telling the ſtrange meanes they had vſed

vſed to catch mee, and lying more confidently, then any Taylor vpon an Eaſter Eue. When wee trauelled through inhabited places, they ſuffered me to ſpeake; which was the greateſt courteſie I receiued of them. I asked them, what Deuill had put it into their heads, to carry me vp and downe after ſuch a manner in a Tubbe. They anſwered me, That if they had not done ſo, I would haue died preſently; for being (as I was) a Fiſh, they knew I could not liue out of the Water. Seeing them ſo confident, I determined to be one; and ſo I perſwaded my ſelfe, ſince that euery one eſteemed me ſo; beleeuing, that the Sea-Water might haue transformed mee (the voyce of the People being, according to the Prouerbe, the voyce of God) ſo that from thence-forward I was as ſilent as if I had been at Maſſe. They brought

me to the Court; where their gaine was great, the followers thereof being very deſirous of nouelties, as men that liue in perpetuall idleneſſe. Among many that came to ſee mee, there were two Schollers, who conſidering more exactly my Phyſiognomie, ſaid in a low voice, That they durſt ſweare vpon a Booke, that I was no Fiſh, but a Man; and that if they had beene in any charge of Iuſtice, they would haue ſifted out the naked truth, with a Whip on their naked ſhoulders. I prayed to God in my mind that they would doe it, ſo that I might haue beene freed frō thence: and thereupon I thought to helpe them forwards, ſaying, the Gentlemen Schollers are in the right. But ſcarce had I opened my mouth, whē my Centinell had popped it vnder Water. The ſhouting that all the people kept when I ducked my ſelf

(or rather they ducked me) hindred the good Licentiates to proceed any further in their discourse. They threw me Bread, and I gobled it vp before it could be through wet; but they gaue me not halfe so much as I could haue eaten. Then I remẽbred the plenty that I had in *Toledo*, & my good friends the *Germans*, and what good wine I was wont to cry; beseeching God not to suffer me to die by water, my greatest enemy. After that I entred into consideration of what the students had said, which by reason of the noise, no body had vnderstood, & confirmed my selfe in the opinion that I was a man, and from thence-forward I held my selfe to be one, although my Wife had oftentimes told me that I was a Beast; & the Boyes of *Toledo* were wont to say vnto me, Good M. *Lazaro* pull your Hat downe lower vpon your forhead, for one may see your horns:

and their carrying of mee thus in pickle, had made mee doubt whether I were a perfect man, or no. But as soone as I heard these blessed and quick-sighted Overseers speake, I made no more doubt of it, but sought meanes to free my selfe from the hands of those *Chaldeans*. One Night, in the deadest time, seeing my Guards fast asleepe, I tryed to vnbinde my selfe: but by reason that the Cords were wet, it was impossible for mee. I thought to crie out, but I considered, that it would auayle mee nothing, for the first of them that should heare mee, would haue stopped my mouth with a pottle of Water. Seeing this Gate shut to my remedie, with great impatience I began to tumble and wallow in my mire, and at length, with my tossing and struggling, I ouerthrew the Tub, and my selfe withall, spilling all the Water.

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When I ſaw my ſelfe free, I began to call out for helpe. The Fiſhermen awaking, all amazed to ſee what I had done, came in haſte to relieue me, by ſtopping my mouth, and cramming it with Graſſe: and the better to confound my exclamations, they likewiſe with a lowder ſtraine fell a crying, helpe, help; and amidſt this hurly-burly, they ran to a Well hard by, and with an incredible diligence filled vp the Tub againe. The Hoſt came forth with a Halberd, and all thoſe of the houſe, ſome with Spits, and ſome with Poles. The neighbours came running in, and a Baylife with his aſſociates, that were paſſing that way. The Inne-keeper asked the Saylers what the matter was, who anſwered, that Theeues would haue ſtollen away their Fiſh; which hee hearing (as if he had been mad) fell a crying out, Theeues, Theeues.

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Some watched if they would ſteale out at the doore; others looked, if they did not climbe from one houſe to another: but already my Keepers had returned me into my Bath. It happened, that the Water which had beene ſpilled, ranne all through a hole into a lower Chamber, vpon the Bed where the daughter of the houſe did lye. who mooued with charitie, had affoorded part of it to a Prieſt, who for her ſake was come to lodge there that Night. They were ſo skared with the deluge of Water that fell vpon their Bed, and with the out-cryes and noyſe that euery one did make; that, not knowing what ſhift to make, they threw themſelues out at a window, as naked as *Adam* and *Eue*. Now did the Moone ſhine ſo bright, that ſhe might haue entred in compariſon with him from whom ſhe doth receiue her brightneſſe. As ſoone

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as they saw them, they cryed out, There be the Theeues, stoppe the Theeues. The Baylife and his assistants ran after them, & ouertooke them not farre from thence (by reason that being bare-footed, the stones did hinder their speed) and without any delay carryed them to Prison. The Fishermen the next morning very early tooke leaue of *Madrid* to goe to *Toledo*, not knowing what was become of the kind-hearted Wench, and the deuout Priest.

Chap. VI.

How Lazaro *was carryed to* Toledo.

THe Industrie of Men is vaine; their Knowledge, Ignorance; and their Might, Impotencie; when God dooth not strengthen, direct, and

and guide them. My labour serued onely to encrease the care and solicitude of my Iaylors; who angry for their last nights Alarum, gaue mee so many Bastonadoes by the way, that they left mee almost for dead, saying, Accursed Fish, would you haue beene gone? Doe you not acknowledge the great good one doth you, in not killing you? you are as the Oake, that yeeldeth not his fruit without cudgelling. After this manner bruised, vpbraided, and almost dead for hunger, they entred me into *Toledo*, and lodged themselues hard by a place called the *Zocedober*, at a Widowes House, whose Wine I was wont to crie. They put mee in a lower Roome, where a multitude of people came to see me, and among others, my *Elvira*, holding my daughter by the hand. When I saw them, I could not but giue way to two Niles of teares,

teares, that guſhed out of mine eyes. I wept, and ſighed, but within my ſelfe, for feare they ſhould depriue me of what I ſo much loued, and of the ſight of that, which I deſired to haue a thouſand eyes to ſee, though it had beene better, that thoſe who hindred my ſpeech, had alſo taken from me my viſible facultie. For looking earneſtly vpon my Wife, I ſaw her (I know not if I may ſpeake it) I ſaw her with a belly mounted to her mouth. I was amazed and aſtoniſhed, although (had I been in my right wits) I had had no great cauſe, for the Arch-Prieſt my Maſter had told mee, when I went to the Warres, that hee would deale with her as if ſhee had been his owne. But what moſt vexed me, was, that I could not perſwade my ſelfe that ſhee was with child by mee, hauing beene abſent aboue a yeere. Indeed when I dwelt

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with her, and that wee were at Bed and Board together, and that shee would say to mee; *Lazaro*, doe not beleeue that I am false to thee; for so doing, thou doest wondrous ill: I was so well satisfied, that I abhorred to conceiue an euill thought of her, euen as the Deuill doth holy-Water; I liued iouiall, content, and without Iealousie, the Disease of Fooles. I haue oftentimes considered with my selfe, that this matter of Children doth chiefely consist in imagination: for how many are there, that loue such as they thinke to be theirs, who indeed belong to them no otherwise, then by name and number? and others, who (for certaine *Chymera's* forged in their braines, that their Wiues haue grafted vpon their heads the punishment of *Actæons* temeritie) doe hate and abhorre those that be their owne? I began to reckon

the moneths, and dayes, but I found the way ſtopt, to my comfort. I thought, whether my deare bed-fellow were not ſicke of the Dropſie; but that pious imagination laſted mee but very little: for, as ſoone as ſhee was gone forth, two old Goſſips began to ſay one to another, What thinke you of the Arch-Prieſtreſſe? ſhee hath no want of her Husband. Who hath got her with Child, asked the other? Who? replyed the firſt: Marry, the reuerend Arch-Prieſt; who is ſo good, that (for to giue no ſcandall, if ſhee ſhould be deliuered in his houſe without hauing a Husband) hee doth marry her the next Sunday to *Peter Gabacho*, who will bee as patient as my Goſſip *Lazaro*. That was the Touch-ſtone, and *Non plus vltra* of my patience; it began to ouercome my Heart: So that, ſweating with-

within the Water, and vnable to helpe my ſelfe, I fell downe in a ſwoone within the Hog-ſtie. The water then entring amaine through all the paſſages, without any reſiſtance, I appeared to be dead (much againſt my will, which was, to liue as long as it would pleaſe God, and I ſhould be able, in ſpight of *Galicians*, and all croſſe fortune.) The Fiſhermen very heauie, cauſed all that were there, to goe out, and in all haſte lifted my head out of the Water; but they found, that I was without pulſe, or breath, as they themſelues were for very griefe, bewayling their loſſe, which to them was none of the leaſt. They tooke me out of the Tubbe, and did what they could to make me vomit that which I had ſwallowed; but all in vaine, for death (as they thought) had alreadie ſhut the doore after her. They remained blanke (as at a

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running Lottery) not knowing any remedie, nor how to ease their griefe. It was at last decreed by the Councell of three, that the Night following they should carrie mee to the Riuer, and should there throw mee in, with a stone about my necke; to make that my Graue, which had beene the instrument of my death.

Chap. VII.

What happened to Lazaro *vpon the way to the Riuer* Tagus.

LEt no man despaire, how afflicted soeuer hee seeth himselfe; for when he shall least expect it, God will open the Gates and Windowes of his Mercy, and shew, that nothing is impossible vnto him; and that hee can and will change the designes of the wicked into wholesome and comfortable

remedies, for such as put their trust in him. These Knaues in graine thinking that Death did not jeast (whose custome is little so to doe) put me into a Sack, and (laying me ouerthwart a Mule, as a Goats skin of Wine, or rather of Water, being full thereof to the very mouth) took their way downe the Hill of the *Carmelites*, more sorrowfull then if they had beene going to burie the Father that begot them, or the Mother that bare thē. It was my good fortune, when they put me vpon the Mule, to be layd vpon my stomack and belly; so that going with my mouth downeward, I began to cast out Water, as if a Sluce-gate had been opened, or as if I had been the fish **Frago*, by meanes whereof I came againe to my selfe; and gathering breath, I perceiued that I was out of the water, & out of that accursed Tub: but I neyther knew where I was,

In Spaine, they vse to carry Wine or Water vpon Mules or Horses, in Goates or Calues skins, fitted to that purpose, which they call Caques.

Frago with the Spaniards is a fish that out of his mouth doth sometimes cast so much water, that it is able to drown a Boat.

was, nor whither they carryed mee. Only I heard them ſay, It is beſt for our ſafety to ſeek out ſome Pit very deepe, that he may not be found ſo ſoone. By the thred I recouered the needle, & imagining preſently what the matter was, and ſeeing that the Crow could be no blacker then his wings, hearing a noyſe of people thereabouts, I began to cry out, Helpe, help, for the Lords ſake. The ſtir which I heard, was the Watch, who came inſtantly to my out-cry with their naked ſwords, & ranſacking the Sack, found poore *Lazaro* through ſoaked, as a Greene-fiſh. They caried vs all, as they found vs, to the gaole; the fiſhermen weeping to ſee themſelues priſoners, and I laughing for being at libertie. They put them in a dungeon, and me in a good Bed. The next day being examined, they confeſſed, That indeed they had carryed me vp and downe

through *Spaine*: but that they had done it, beleeuing that I was a Fish; and that to that effect they had obtained a Licence of the Lords of the Inquisition. For my part, I told the whole truth, and how those Rascals held me bound, and put me into such a posture, as I was not able so much as to grunt. They brought in the Arch-Priest, and my good *Elnira*, to proue if it were true that I were that *Lazaro de Tormes*, whom I said I was. My Wife entred the first, and earnestly beholding me, said, That the truth was, that I somewhat resembled her good husband; but shee beleeued I was not hee: for though I had alwayes bin a great Beast, I was more likely to become a Gnat or an Oxe then a Fish. Hauing thus spoken, and made a low Curtsie, shee went forth. My hangmens Atturney required, that I might be burned, because

Becauſe hee loued Wine well, as Gnats doe; and like an Oxe had Hornes, being a Cuckold.

cauſe without doubt I was a Monſter, which he did binde himſelfe to proue. (The Diuell I am as ſoone, (ſaid I to my ſelfe) vnleſſe ſome Conjurer now ſhould perſecute me, transforming me into what hee liſted.) The Iudges commanded him to be ſilent. Then came in the reuerend Arch-Prieſt, who ſeeing me ſo bleake, and wrimpled, like an old Wiues belly, ſaid, That he neyther knew me by my face, nor ſhape. I then remembred him of ſome old paſſages, and many ſecrets that had paſſed betweene vs; particularly I bad him remember the Night that he came naked vnto my bed, ſaying, that he was afraid of a Hob-goblin that haunted his chamber, and laid himſelfe betweene my Wife & me. He, for feare I ſhould haue proceeded any farther in tokens, confeſſed it to be true, that I was *Lazaro*, his good friend and ſeruant. The Suit

ended with the testimonie of the Captaine that had carried me from *Toledo* (and was one of those that escaped the Tempest in the Cockboat) who acknowledged, that I was in person *Lazaro* his seruant; and all this did agree with the relation of the time & place where the fishermen said they had caught me. They condemned euery one of thẽ to two hundred stripes, and their goods confiscated, the one part to the King, the other to the Prisoners, and the third to *Lazaro*. They were found to haue two thousand Ryals, two Mules, and a Cart; of the which (all duties and charges payd) there fell to my share twentie duckats. The Saylers remained bare and comfortlesse, and I rich & content; for in all my life before I had not seen my selfe Master of so much money at once. I went to the house of one of my Friends: where, after

Fiftie pounds.

A Duckat is fiue shillings six pence of our money.

I had poured downe my Throat ſome Gallons of Wine, to waſh away the euill ſauour of the Water, & put my ſelfe into good Clothes, I began to walke like an Earle, faring like a King, honoured of my Friends, feared of mine Enemies, and welcome to all. The miſeries I had paſſed, ſeemed to mee a Dreame; the preſent happineſſe, a Hauen of reſt; and the future hopes, a Paradiſe of pleaſure. Aduerſitie doth humble, and proſperitie puffe vp the minde. All the time that the twentie duckats laſted, if the King had called me Couſin, I had taken it for an affront. When wee *Spaniards* can but get a Ryall, wee are Princes; and though wee doe want it, wee doe not want preſumption. If you aske but a ſhake-ragge who hee is, hee will anſwere, that (at the leaſt) hee is deſcended from the *Gothes*, & that his bad fortune hath

thus deiected him; being the propertie of the fooliſh World, to eleuate the baſe, and debaſe the worthy: and yet ſuch as he is, he would not yeeld to any, nor eſteeme himſelfe leſſe then the greateſt; and would rather ſterue, then put himſelfe to any Trade; or if hee doth, it is with ſuch contempt & diſtaſte, that either he will not worke at all; or if he doth, it is ſo ill, that hardly in all *Spaine* ſhall one finde a good workeman of a *Spaniard*. I remember that there was a Cobler in *Salamanca*; who, when one did bring him any thing to mend, would make a long diſcourſe to himſelfe, complayning of his euill fortune, that had reduced him to the neceſſitie of working in ſo baſe a Trade, being deſcended from ſuch a houſe and from ſuch parents; who for their worth were knowne ouer all *Spaine*. I asked one day a neighbor

of his, of what Kindred that Bragadocio was. Hee told mee, that his father was a treader of Grapes in Vintage time, and a Hogge-killer in Winter; and his mother a Tripe-washer, I meane a Tripe-wife's maid. I had bought a Sute of old peeld Veluet, and a long thredbare Cloake of *Segouia* Serge; I wore my Sword so long, that the Chape vnpaued the stones of the streetes, as I walked. When I came out of Prison, I would not goe see my Wife; to giue her a greater desire to see mee, and to bee reuenged of the scorne that shee had made of me. I beleeued vndoubtedly, that seeing me so well apparrelled, shee would repent her selfe, and receiue me with open armes; but obstinate shee was, and obstinate shee remained. I found her in Child-bed, and newly married. When she saw me, shee cryed out as if shee had beene mad,

In Spaine, and other Countries, to make their Wines, they put their grapes into great Tubs, into the which men goe bare legged and sometimes naked to tread the grapes, for to expresse the iuice.

mad, Take from before me that ill watered Fish, that Face of a new-pluckt Goose; or by the blessednesse of my dead Fathers Soule, if I rise, I will scratch out his eyes. I, with a great deale of flegme, answered her, Faire and softly (good Mistris Wagtaile) if you know me not for your Husband, nor I you for my Wife, let mee haue my daughter, and as good friends as euer before, for I haue got wherewith to marry her very honourably. Me thought those twentie duckats should haue beene like little *Iohn* of God's fiue Blanckes; who, as soone as hee had spent them, found fiue other still in his Purse: but with mee, as I was *Lazarillo* of the Deuill, it fell out otherwise, as shall appeare in the next Chapter. The Arch-Priest opposed himselfe against my demand, saying, That she was not mine; and for proofe thereof, hee shewed mee the

Twelue Blanckes make an English penny.

the Church Booke for Christnings, which compared with the Regiſter of Marriages, it appeared, that the Girle was borne foure moneths after that I firſt carnally knew my Wife. My man *Thomas* fell downe, who till then had beene on horſe-backe, and I perceiued the error in the which I had liued vntill that time, beleeuing her to bee my daughter, that was not ſo. I ſhaked vpon them the duſt of my ſhoes, & waſhed my hands in token of innocencie, & of parting for euer, & ſo I turned my back vnto them, with as much cõfort as if I had neuer known them. I went to ſeeke ſome of my friends, to whõ I related the whole matter: they comforted me; which was a thing very eaſie for thẽ to do. I would not returne to the Office of common Cryer, for my Veluet had rooted out ſuch petty thoghts. Going toward the Gate cald *de Vilagra*

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as I passed through that of S. *Iohn* of the Kings, I met with an old acquaintance of mine; who, after she had saluted me, told me how that my Wife was growne more gentle, since she had vnderstood that I had money; particularly that, that *Gabacho* had as good as new dressed her from top to toe. I desired her to let me vnderstand the businesse: she did it, saying, that Master Arch-Priest and my Wife had entred one day into consultation, whether it were best to take me home again to them, & turne out that *Gabacho*, bringing reasons of the one side and of the other. This their consulting was not so secret, but that the new Husband heard of it: who dissembling, the next morning went out to work at the Oliue trees, whither his Wife & mine at noone did goe to carry him his dinner. He then bound her fast to a Tree, and

hauing ſtripped her ſtarke-naked, gaue her there aboue a hundred ſtripes; and not content with that, made a bundle of all her Cloathes, & pulling her Rings off her fingers, ranne away with all, leauing her bound, naked, and in a pittifull caſe: where (without doubt) ſhe had died if the Arch-Prieſt had not ſent to ſeeke her. She went on, ſaying, that ſhe beleeued without all peraduenture, that if I ſent but any one to entreat them, they would receiue me to them as before: for ſhee had heard my *Eluira* ſay, Wretched that I am, why did I not admit my good *Lazaro*, who was euẽ as good as the good Bread; not hard to pleaſe, nor ſcrupulous, who ſuffered mee to doe whatſoeuer I would? That was a touch, which turned me topſie-turuie, and made me reſolue to follow the counſell of the good old Woman: Neuertheleſſe, I thought

thought good firſt to conferre of it with my friends.

Chap. VIII.

How Lazaro *pleaded againſt his Wife.*

WE men are ſomewhat a kin to laying Hens: for if we mind to do any good, wee preſently proclaime and kackle it abroad: but if euil, we will not that any one know it, leaſt they ſhould diſſwade vs from that, from the which it were good wee ſhould be diuerted. I went to ſee one of my friends, & I found three together; for ſince I had mony, they were multiplied as flies in the Fruit ſeaſon. I told them my intention and deſire, which was, to goe & liue againe with my Wife, and ſhun the ſlandering ſpeeches of maleuolent tongues; a knowne euill being bet-

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ter then an vnknowne good. But they made the deed ſo haynous and odious vnto me, telling me, that I was a man without either blacke in my eyes, or braines in my head, that I would goe to dwell with a Punke, a Cockatrice, a Catamountaine, & laſtly, the Deuils Hackney (for ſo in *Toledo* doe they call Prieſts Wenches.) They ſaid ſuch and ſo many things to me, and ſo perſwaded me, that I determined neither to intreat her, nor to ſeeke to her. Theſe my good friends (I would the Deuill had had thē) ſeeing that their counſell and perſwaſions had wrought with me, proceeded farther, ſaying, That they counſelled me (becauſe I was ſo deare vnto thē) to take away the ſpots, and cleanſe the ſtaines of my reputation; to ſticke cloſe to it, and not let it fall to the ground: And therefore that I ſhould exhibit a Complaint in Law againſt the Arch-

Arch-Priest and my Wife; for all should cost me neyther penny, nor farthing, they being (as they were) Officers of Iustice. The one (who was an Atturney for lost Suites) offered me a hundred duckats for my gettings. The other, as better experimented (being a Sollicitor for Traders) told me, That if hee were in my Coat, he would not giue my gaines for two hundred. The third assured me, That (as he did well know, being, as he was, a Sergeant) hee had seene other Cases, not so plaine, and a great deale doubtfuller then this, that had beene worth to the vndertakers an innumerable summe; although he beleeued, that vpon the first Writ the good *Domine Bacchalaure* would fill my hands, and grease theirs, that wee might giue ouer the Suit, desiring that I would returne againe to my Wife: which would be much more honorable

rable and profitable for mee, then if I had made meanes vnto her. They so highly commended this busineſſe vnto mee, alluring mee with faire and great hopes, that they brought mee to what they would, not knowing how to anſwere their ſophiſticall arguments: howbeit, I know, that it was better to forgiue and humble my ſelfe, then to proſecute things to the extremities, fulfilling that moſt difficult commandement of God, To loue our enemies. And then, my Wife did neuer behaue her ſelfe like an enemie towards me: contrariwiſe, by her I began to grow into credit, and to bee knowne of many, who would point at mee with their finger, ſaying, There goes patient *Lazaro*: by her I began to haue an Office, and Benefice. If the daughter, which the Arch-Prieſt ſaid was none of mine, were ſo or no; God, who ſear-

cheth the reines, best knowes; and it may be, that as I may haue beene mistaken, hee likewise may haue beene deceiued. As it may happen, that some one, who reading this simplicitie of mine, will burst out into such laughter, as hee may chance to moisten the Linings of his Breeches; doth maintaine the children of some reuerend Frier; and doth labour, sweat, and moyle, to leaue them rich, that begger him of his reputation; beleeuing for certaine, that if there bee one honest Woman in the World, it is his. And moreouer, it may be, that the Pedigree whereof thou doest boast (gentle Reader) as deriued from *Mars*, is deducted from *Vulcan*. But leauing euery one in his good opinion, all these good considerations did not withstand, but that I formed a complaint against the Arch-Priest, and against my Wife: and

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(hauing ready money) within foure and twentie houres they put them into Priſon; him, into the Arch-Biſhops; and her, into the common Iayle. The Lawyers did bid mee, not to regard the Money that I did lay out for that buſineſſe, by reaſon that I ſhould recouer it all againe of the *Domine*. So that, for to doe him more harme, and that the charges might be ſo much the greater, I gaue them whatſoeuer they did aske me. And becauſe they ſmelt my Caſh, as Bees doe Honey, they were ſo carefull and diligent to runne too and fro, not making one idle ſteppe, that in leſſe then eight dayes the Cauſe was very forward, and my Purſe very backward. The Euidences were produced with great facilitie, by reaſon that the Sergeants that had arreſted them, had taken them napping; & euen as they were in their ſhirts, had caried

them to Prison. The witnesses were many, and their depositions true. But my honest Atturney, Counsellor, and Register, perceiuing my Purse to be at an ebbe, began to grow so careless and lazie, that to haue made them aduance one step, they had needed more spurring thē any Hackney Iade. When the Arch-Priest and his friends vnderstood our great neglect, they began to crow vp, and grow peart, greasing the hands and feet of their Agents; being like the weights of a Clock, which doe mount proportionally as the others goe downe. They took such a course, that within a fortnight after they came out of Prison vpon Bayle; and within lesse then a weeke more, by meanes of false witnesses, they made poore *Lazaro* be condemned to aske pardon, pay all charges, and to bee banisht for euer out of *Toledo*. I demanded

manded pardon, as it was moſt iuſt hee ſhould, who with twentie crownes had vndertaken to plead againſt him that meaſured them by Pecks. I gaue all to my very ſhirt to helpe to pay the charges, going out with my bare skin to my baniſhment. I ſaw my ſelfe in one inſtant, rich, at Law with one of the Powers of the holy Church of *Toledo* (an enterpriſe only for a Prince) reſpected of my Friends, feared of mine Enemies, and in the predicament of a Gentleman, that would not ſuffer an affront; and in the ſame inſtant I found my ſelfe caſt (not out of the Earthly Paradiſe, my priuat nakedneſſe obumbrated with Figge-leaues, but) out of the place which I moſt loued and eſteemed; where I had receiued ſo much good entertainment, ſo many pleaſures. My Nuditie being couered with certaine Rags which I found

vpon a Dunghill, I betooke mee to the common comfort of the distressed; beleeuing, that since I was at the lowest of Fortunes Wheele, necessarily (at her turning) I was againe to rise. At that time I remembred what once I had heard my Master the Blind-man say, (who, when hee did set himselfe a preaching, would doe wonders) That all the men in the World did ascend & descend by the Wheele of Fortune; some following her motion, others going against it: this onely difference being betweene thē; that those that went with the streame, with the same swiftnesse that they did climbe vp, with the same they doe tumble downe: and those that goe against it, if once they attained vnto the top (though with great paines and labour) they maintained themselues there a long time. I, like the former, did run the smooth way

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of her Wheele, but with ſuch ſwiftneſſe, that I ſcarce yet was come to the top, when ſhe threw me into the bottomeleſſe pit of all calamities. I ſaw my ſelfe a Beggar, euen of the moſt beggarly, hauing vntill then beene one of a better ſtampe; and might well haue ſaid, Naked did I come into the World, and naked doe I goe out, I neyther winne nor looſe. In this pickle I took my way towards *Madrid*, craning the charitable beneuolence of well diſpoſed perſons, as one that beſt could do it; for I was a Miller: to which Trade, I, to returne, by need was made. I made my moane to euery one: ſome did pittie mee, others did laugh at mee, and others did giue mee their almes; ſo that hauing neyther Wife nor daughter to maintain, I had often meat & drink to ſpare. That yere ſuch ſtore of wine had bin gathered, that almoſt at euery dore I came to,

they would aske mee if I would drinke, becauſe they had no Bread to giue me; I neuer refuſed it: ſo that ſometimes it hath beene my chance, before breake-faſt, to haue gulped vp foure pottles of Wine, wherewith I was more jocund and merry then Schoole-Boyes vpon a holy-day Eue. If I may ſpeak what I thinke, the Beggars life is the only life; all the others doe not deſerue that name. If rich men had but tryed it, they would forſake their riches for it, as the ancient Philoſophers did; who, for to enioy it, left what they poſſeſſed; I ſay, for to enioy it: for the Philoſophers life and the Beggars is all one; onely they are diſtinguiſhed, in that the Philoſophers did forſake what they had for the loue of it; and the Beggars without forſaking any thing, doe finde it. They did deſpiſe their wealth, that with leſſe impediments

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they might contemplate both naturall and diuine things, with the Celestiall motions: These, that they may (vncurbed) runne through the fields of their loose appetites. They did cast their goods into the Sea; these doe bury them in their stomackes. They did despise them as perishable and transitorie things; these do not esteeme them, because they carry with them care and labour, things altogether out of their element. So that the Beggars life is quieter then that of either King, Emperour, or Pope. In it therefore did I meane to walke, as in a way most free, lesse dangerous, and very delightfull.

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CHAP. IX.

How Lazaro *did make himſelfe a Porter.*

THere is no Trade, Science, nor Art, but, to attayne to the perfection thereof, it is needfull to imploy the capacitie of the beſt vnderſtanding in the world. You ſhall haue a Shoomaker, that hath been thirtie yeeres at his Trade, if you bid him make you a paire of ſhooes broad at the toes, high of inſtep, neate, and without puckering; doe you thinke hee will doe it? before he make you a paire ſuch as you deſire, hee will ſpoyle your foot. Aske a Philoſopher, why Flyes vpon a white thing doe mute black, and contrariwiſe, vpon a black, white; and you will make him bluſh, like a Maid vpon her Marriage night, not knowing how

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to anſwer; or if hee doe to this, hee will not to a thouſand other fooleries. It was my chance to meete, neere to *Meſcas*, an Arch-Rogue, and by his countenance perceiuing what he was, I paced towards him as to an Oracle, to enquire of him how I might gouerne my ſelfe in my new life, without bringing my ſelfe within the compaſſe of the Law. Hee anſwered me, That if I meant cleanely to come off, and without danger, his counſell was, that I ſhould ioyne to the life of an Hypocrite; that is to ſay, that though I were a Rogue in profeſſion, yet (not to ſeeme ſo) I ſhould giue my ſelfe to ſome imployment, as to skullerie in a Kitchin, to cry Broomes, to ſweepe Chimneyes, to ſcrape Trenchers, or to carry Burthens from one place to another; which would ſerue as a Buckler, to couer my Beggerie.

Meſcas, a Citie betweene Madrid and Toledo.

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He told me moreouer, that by reason that hee had not done so sinee these twentie yeeres that he followed that Occupation, he had the day before receiued two hundred stripes as a Rogue and Vagabond. This aduise pleased me, and I followed his counsell. As soone as I came to *Madrid*, I got me a Porters Cord, with the which I quartred my selfe in the midst of the Market place with more content then a starued Cat with Gibblets. And in good time, and happy houre, the first that did set me to worke, was a Maid (God forgiue me, for I lye) of some eighteene yeeres of age, that simpred more then a new vayled Nun; she bad me follow her, and led me through so many streetes, that I thought she had vndertaken it as a taske, or that she did it to abuse me: at length wee came to a house, which, by the Wicket thereof, great

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Court, and the Wenches that danced there, I knew to be the publike Brothell. Then did ſhee bring me into her Cell; where ſhe asked me, if I would be payed for my paines before wee went out: I anſwered her, that there was no haſte, vntill wee came to the place where I was to carry my burthen, which I tooke vp, and ſet forward to the Gate of *Guadalachara*, where ſhee told me ſhee was to take Waggon, to goe to the Faire of *Nagera*. The Fardle was light, moſt part thereof being nothing but little Sawcers, Bottles with Painting, and Waters. As wee went, I vnderſtood how ſhee had beene eight yeeres of that Trade. The firſt that did ſet mee abroach (ſaid ſhee) was the Father Rector of the Ieſuits of *Seuil*, where I was borne; who did it with ſo great deuotion, that from that day to this, I haue beene very deuout.

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Hee recommended mee to one of the holy Women, deuoted to their Order, with whom I remained aboue six moneths, well prouided of all things necessarie. I was drawne thence by a Captaine, and so haue roued vp and down from one place to another, & am where thou seest. And would to God I had neuer departed out of the protection of that good Father, who entertained me as his Daughter, and loued me as his Sister. Finally, I haue beene constrained to follow an Occupation, to get my liuing. With this discourse we came to the waggon, which was ready to set forth. I discharged my Burden into it, & praying her to pay me for my labor, the Rag-taile answered, That I wil very willingly; and with that, lifting vp her hand, she gaue me such a Boxe on the eare, that shee felled me to the ground, saying, Art thou such an

Those women are called Beatæ.

an Asse, as to aske Money of one of my Profession? Did I not bid thee, before thou cameſt out of the houſe of Fellowſhip, to pay thy ſelfe, if thou wouldſt, vpon me? With that (as nimbly as a Graſſe-hopper) ſhee leaped into the Waggon, and away ſhe went, and left me fretted at the heart, and as blancke as a Bell-founder, not knowing what ayled me; only I conſidered with my ſelf, that if the progreſſe of my new Trade did follow the beginning, I ſhould thriue fairly at the yeres end. Vpon my departure thence, there came another Waggon from *Alcala de Henares*; out of the which, the paſſengers (who were all Whores, Schollers, and Fryers) being alighted, one of the Order of S. *Francis* asked me, if I would doe him that charitie, as to carry his Truſſe to his Couent, I anſwered him with cheerfulnes, that I would, for I perſwaded my ſelfe, that

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that hee would not couzen me, as that Drab had done: therefore I tooke it vp, and it was ſo heauie, that I could ſcarce carry it; yet for the hope of my good pay, I ſtrayned my ſelfe. Being come to the Cloyſter very weary, becauſe it was farre, the Frier tooke his Packe, and ſaying, For Gods ſake bee it done, went in, and ſhut the doore after him. I waited there vntill he ſhould come to pay me; but ſeeing that he did tarry long, I knocked at the Gate. The Porter came forth, and asked me what I would haue; I told him, My payment for the burthen which I had brought. He anſwered mee, That I ſhould goe in Gods name, for they neuer payed any thing, and ſo locked the doore, charging me to knock no more, by reaſon it was a time of ſilence; for if I did, hee would giue mee a hundred lacings with his knotty girdle.

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My courage was cooled. A poore man that ſtood at the Gate ſaid to me; Brother, you may well goe your way, for theſe Fathers doe handle no money, for they liue altogether vpon other mens diſhes. Let them liue vpon what they can (ſaid I) they ſhall pay mee for my paines, or I will be no longer *Lazarillo*; and thereupon I fell a knocking with great anger. The Lay Brother came forth with greater, and without any farther complement gaue me ſuch a puſh, that hee threw me backward to the ground as if I had been a mellow Peare; and kneeling vpon me, he gaue me halfe a dozen ſuch punches with his knee, and as many flamms with his girdle, that he left mee all bruiſed, as if the Clock-Tower of *Saragoſa* had fallen vpon mee. I lay there ſtretched aboue halfe an houre, not being able to ariſe; I

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considered my euill fortune, and the strength of that irregular Frier so ill imployed, which had been fitter to serue the King our Lord and Master, then to deuoure the almes ordained for the poore; though indeed they bee scarce good for any employment, being idle and lazie-packs, as the Emperour *Charles* the fifth gaue well to vnderstand: for when the Generall of S. *Francis* his Order, offered two and twentie thousand Friers to assist him in his warrs, none aboue forty, nor vnder two & twenty; the inuincible Emperour answered, That he would not haue them, by reason that hee should haue needed euery day two and twenty thousand flesh-pots: intimating thereby, that they are fitter by farre for the Kitchin, then for any labour or seruice. God forgiue me, for since that day I haue so abhorred those Lay-clergie-men, that

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me thought when I saw them, I did see Droanes of a Bee-hiue, or spunges of the fat of the porridge-pot. I was minded to giue ouer my office, but I expected the reuolutiõ of the 24 houres, *as the custome is for those that die of sudden death.

* Those that dye in Spaine of sudden death, are kept 24 houres before they be buried.

Chap. X.

How Lazaro *met with an old Baud, and what hapned vnto him.*

WEake and dead for hunger, I went little by little vp the street, & passing through the Barly-place, I met with an old mumbler, that had more tusks then a wilde Boare, who came to me, and asked me, if I would carry a trunke for her to a friend of hers not farre from thence, & she would giue me foure quartos. I had no sooner heard her, but I gaue God thankes, that frõ so filthy a mouth as hers should proceede so sweete a speech as

Foure quartos make a Royall, which is six pence.

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that, She would giue mee foure Quartos. I told her, Yes, with a very good will; though that very good will was more to finger the fower Quartos, then to carry the burden, hauing at that time more need to be carried my ſelfe, then to carry. I tooke vp the Trunke with much adoe, by reaſon it was great and heauy: the good woman bad me carry it faire and ſoftly, becauſe that within it were bottles of Waters, which ſhe eſteemd very much. I anſwered her, that ſhe ſhould not need to feare that, I would go ſoftly enough; for though I would haue done otherwiſe, it had been impoſſible for me, being ſo hungry that hardly I could put one foote before another. We came at length to the houſe where wee did carry the Trunke, the which they verie gladlie receiued, eſpecially a young Gentlewoman, plumpe and round faced

faced (would all the cattell of my bed were such, my belly being full) who with a chearefull countenance said, that she would keepe it in her Closet. I carried it thither, and the old Woman gaue her the Key of it, desiring her to keepe it vntill she returned from *Segouia*, where shee was going to visite a Kinswoman of hers, hoping to come backe againe within fower dayes. Then embracing her, shee tooke leaue of her, whispering her in the eare I know not what, which made the Damsell blush like a rose; (and although I then did like her very well, I should haue liked her farre better, had the vacuity of my guts been stuffed with good prouender) she tooke likewise leaue of all those of the house, desiring the Father and Mother of the Mayde to excuse her boldnes and importunity; who told her, that their house was

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at her command. Shee gaue mee fower Quartos; bidding mee in mine eare the next morning verie early to come to her house, and she would make mee earne as much more. I departed more iocund then a Shroue-tuesday, or a Midsommers Eue. I supped with three of them, keeping one to pay for my lodging. I then fell to consider the power and vertue of money; for at the instant that the old woman had giuen mee those few Quartos, I found my selfe lighter then the wind, more valiant then *Hector*, & stronger then *Hercules*. O Money, it is not without reason that most men doe hold thee for their God! thou art the cause of all good, and the procurer also of all euill. Thou art the inuenter of all Arts, and the maintainer of them in their perfection. For thee are Sciences had in estimation, and with thee are o-

pinions defended. By thee cities are fortified, and againe by thee their ſtrong towers are made leuell with the ground. By thee are kingdoms eſtabliſhed, and by thee in the ſame inſtant ouerthrowne. Thou art the vpholder of vertue, and againe the deſtroyer thereof. By thee Ladies do maintaine themſelues chaſte, & by thee many that are ſo, become others. Laſtly, there is nothing in the world, be it neuer ſo hard, but to thee is eaſie; nothing ſo hidden, but thou canſt penetrate; no hill ſo lofty, but thou canſt pull downe; no dale ſo low, but thou canſt eleuate. The next morning I went to the old Womans houſe, according as ſhee had appointed mee, who bad mee goe with her to fetch againe the Trunke which I had carried the day before. Beeing come to the houſe, ſhee told the Maſter and Miſtris, that ſhe came

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ſor her Trunke, by reaſon that vpon the way to *Segouia* (about a mile from *Madrid*) ſhee had met with her Kinſwoman, who came with the ſame intention (that ſhee went) to ſee her, and that therefore ſhee did need it inſtantly, to haue out ſome cleane linnen that was in it, to giue her entertainement. The Mayde of a new ſtampe returned her the Key, kiſſing and embracing her with more affection then at the firſt time; and after ſhee had whiſpered her againe in the eare, they helped vp with the Trunke, which ſeemed vnto me farre lighter then the day before, becauſe my bellie was better prouided. Comming downe the ſtaires, it was my chance to meete with I know not what ſtumbling block, which I thinke the Deuill of purpoſe had layde in my way, that made mee ſtumble and tumbled downe

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Trunke and all to the bottome of the ſtayres, where ſtood the Father and the Mother of the ſimple and kind-hearted Wench. I broke my Noſe and ſhort Ribs with the fall, and the damned Trunke, with the Knocks and Ioults flew open. In it there appeared a young Gallant, without his Cloake, his Rapier and Dagger at his ſide, in a greene Sattin Sute, with a feather of the ſame colour, a paire of Carnation Garters & Roſes, Crimſon Silke Stockings, and white open Shooes: who riſing vp very mannerly, & making a low reuerence, ſtraight went out of doores. They were ſo amazed with that ſuddain Viſion, that they looked one vpon another like ſo many Matachines or Antickes. But when they were come to themſelues, they called in all haſte two ſonnes that they had, & with great ſtorming, declared the matter vnto them:

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them: Who preſently taking their Swords, and crying, Kill, Kill, went out to ſeeke the young Mad-cap. But hee had poſted away in ſuch haſte, that it was impoſſible for them to ouertake him. The Father and Mother (who all this while had remained below ſtayres) ſhutting the doores faſt, went vp, thinking to reuenge themſelues vpon the Baud; but ſhee that had heard the noyſe, and knowne the cauſe thereof, had alreadie with her Scholler in the O. Q. P. taken the ayre at a backe-doore. When they found themſelues gulld, and preuented, they came down and let flye at me, I being ſo ſore, and bruiſed, that I could not ſtirre; for otherwiſe I had waited vpon him, for whoſe ſake I was ſo ill handled. The two brothers returned ſweating, and out of breath, ſwearing and vowing, That ſince they had not ouertake the villaine,

laine, they would kil their ſiſter and the Baud. But when they were told, that they had made an eſcape at the Back-ſide, then they fell a blaſpheming, curſing, & ſwearing. The one ſaid, Why do I not meet now with the Deuill himſelfe, with an infernall Crue, that I might make hauock of them as of ſo many Flyes? Come Deuill, Come. But now that I call thee, it is certaine, that whereſoeuer thou art, thou doeſt feare my anger, & dareſt not appeare before me. O had I but ſeen that Coward, with my very breath I had carryed him ſo far, as no body ſhould euer haue heard any newes of him. The other went on, ſaying, Had I but ouertaken him, I would not haue left one piece of him ſo big as his eare: but if he be in the world, nay, though he be not, he ſhall not eſcape out of my hands; for I would plough him vp, were he hid in the Centre of the Earth.

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These and such like brags & threatnings did they thunder out, whilest poore *Lazaro* was expecting that all the storme should light vpon him; but yet I stood in more feare of ten or twelue Boyes that were there then of those Braggadillos. In the end, both great and small in a cluster fell vpon my Iacket; the one kicked me, the other thumped me; some pulled me by the haires, others boxed me about the eares. My feare was not vaine: for the Boyes thrusted great Pinnes into my Buttocks vp to the head, which made me skreeke vnto the heauens; the slaues did so pinch me, that they made me at noone-day see a thousand Starres. Some said, let vs kill him; others, It is better to throw him in the Priuy. The hammering of mee was such, that they seemed Thrashers in a Barne, or Hammers of a Fulling-Mill, by reason of the perpe-

perpetuall motion. At length seeing mee breathlesse, they desisted from beating, but not from threatning me. The Father as most ripe, or most rotten, commanded them to let me alone; and that if I would tell them truly who was the robber of their honour, they should not do me any more harme: but I could not satisfie their desire, because I knew not who he was, having neuer seene him before hee came out of the Trunke. Seeing that I answered them nothing, they began anew to torment me. There was the wayling, there the weeping for my misshap; there was the sighing, there was the cursing of my crosse fortune. But when I perceiued, that continually they found new wayes to persecute me, I prayed them as well as I could to forbeare me, and that I would tell them all the businesse. They did so; and I told them

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them without any omission, what had passed; but they would giue no credit to the truth. Feeling the storme to continue, I determined to couzen them, if it were possible, and therefore I promised to informe them, who the Malefactor was; whereupon they left thrashing of mee, promising mee wonders. They asked me his name, & where hee liued. I answered, that I knew it not; and lesse, that of the Street wherein he dwelt: but that, if they would carry me (for it was impossible for me to goe, they had so misused me) I would shew them his house. That pleased them well, and therefore they gaue mee a little Wine, with the which I came againe to my selfe: then (being well armed) two of them tooke mee vnder the armes, like a *French* Lady, and led me through *Madrid*. Some that did see mee, said, They carry

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that man to Priſon; others, to the Hoſpitall: but none did hit the marke. I went amazed, and aſtoniſht, not knowing eyther what to ſay, or what to doe; for I durſt not cry out for helpe, leaſt they ſhould complaine of me to the Iuſtices, whom I feared more then death it ſelfe: and to runne away, was impoſſible, not onely by reaſon of my formet ill vſage, but alſo for being betweene the Father, Sonnes, and Kinsfolkes, who for that purpoſe had joyned themſelues, eight or nine together, armed at all points, like ſo many S. *Georges*. We croſſed many Streets, and went through many Lanes, not knowing where I was, or whither I did leade them. At length wee came to the Sunne-Gate, and downe a Street right ouer-againſt it, I perceiued a Gallant that came tripping it vpon the toes, his Cloake jerked

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vnder one arme, a peece of a Gloue in one hand, and a Gillyflower in the other, his arme keeping time with his foot, so that one would haue taken him for the cousin germane of the Duke of *Infantado*: hee made a thousand seuerall faces and odde countenances. I knew him at the instant to be the Squire my Master, who had stollen away my Cloathes at *Murcia*: and without doubt, some Saint or other (for I had not left one vnprayed to in all the Letanie) had brought him thither for my redemption. As I saw the occasion offer it selfe so faire, I caught hold of it by the fore-top, and with one stone I determined to kill two Birds, that is, to be reuenged of that bragging Cheater, and to free my selfe from those hangmen. Which to bring to passe, I said vnto them, Gentlemen, looke about you, for yonder com-

commeth the Gallant, that hath robbed you of your honour, who hath onely changed his Apparrell. They blinded with rage and anger, without any farther discourse, asked mee which was hee. I pointed him out vnto them: Whereupon they rushed vpon him, and taking him by the Collar, threw him to the ground, where they kicked and cuffed him out of all measure. One of the young striplings, Brother to the Gentlewoman, would haue run him through with his Sword, but that his Father hindered him; and calling Officers to their helpe, they bound him hand and foot. When I perceiued the Cards to bee thus shuffled, and that they were all busie, as well as I could, I began to shew them a faire paire of heeles, and went and hid my selfe. My honest Squire (who knew me) thinking they were some of my acquain-

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tance, that demanded my Apparrell, did cry out vnto them, Let me alone, Let me alone, and I will pay for two Sutes. But they stopped his mouth with good blowes with their fists; and all bloudie, bruised, and broken-headed, carryed him to Prison: And I tooke my leaue of *Madrid*, cursing both the Occupation, and the first inuentor of it.

CHAP. XI.

How Lazaro *parted from* Madrid, *to goe into his owne Countrey: and what hapned vnto him vpon the way.*

I Was minded to put my selfe on my way, but I found my strength farre vnequall to my courage; for which cause, I remained yet some dayes in *Madrid*: which I passed well ynough, by reason, that helping my selfe with Crut-

Crutches (without which I was not able to goe) I went begging from doore to doore, and from Couent to Couent, till I found my ſelfe ſtrong ynough, and able to trauell. I made the more haſte, for a thing that I heard related by a Beggar, who, with others, was lowſing himſelfe in the Sunne. It was the hiſtorie of the Trunke, as already I haue told it: adding, that the man whom they had impriſoned, thinking it had beene hee of the Trunke, had prooued the contrary; for at the very inſtant that the buſineſſe happned, he was at his Lodging, and no body thereabouts had ſeen him with other apparrell, then that wherwith they had taken him: but that notwithſtanding, he had bin expoſed to the publike ſhame of a Vagabond, and baniſhed *Madrid*. He told alſo, how the Gentlewomans friends did ſeeke for a Porter, that had dreſſed

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that Messe of Knauerie, swearing to make a Syue of his skinne with their Rapiers, if euer they met him. I opened my eyes, to preuent this accident, clapping a patch vpon one of them, and shauing my beard like a Monke; for I assured my selfe, that in this disguise, the Mother that bare mee, could not haue knowne mee. I departed from *Madrid*, with intention to goe to *Teiares*, to trie if (being new moulded) Fortune would mistake me. I passed by the *Escurial*, a Building which doth speake the greatnesse of the Monarch that did erect it, (for it was not yet altogether finished) and is such, that it may be reckoned among the Meruailes of the World; though it cannot be said, that the pleasant situation hath bin a motiue to build it there, the ground being very barren & hilly: but well, the temperateneſse of the ayre;

ayre; which in Summer is such, that remooving onely to the shade, the Heat is not troublesome, nor the Cold offensiue, but exceeding wholesome. Within lesse then two miles from thence, I met with a companie of Gipseyes, lodged in an old decayed house: who, as soone as they perceiued me a farre off, thought I was some one of their Troupe, for my attire did promise no lesse: but comming neerer, they saw their error, and were somewhat daunted with my presence, because (as farre as I could perceiue) they held a Consultation, or were debating an Election. They told mee, that that was not the right way to *Salamanca*, but to *Valledolid*. Seeing my businesse did not constraine me to goe rather to one place then to another; I told them, that since itwas so, I would see that Citie, before I went into my Countrey.

One of the ancienteſt asked mee, whence I was? And vnderſtanding that I was of *Teiares*, he inuited me to Dinner for neighborhoods ſake, for he was of *Salamanca*. I accepted his offer; and afterwards they deſired me to relate vnto them my life, and aduentures. I did it, without any farther entreatie, as briefely as things of ſuch moment could permit. When I came to ſpeake of the Tub, and what had hapned vnto me in an Inne at *Madrid*, I made them laugh extreamely, eſpecially two Gipſeyes, a Man and a Woman, who could ſcarce ſtand for laughing. I began to be aſhamed, and to bluſh, when the old Gipſey, my Countreyman, who had taken notice thereof, ſaid vnto mee; Bee not out of countenance, Brother: for theſe Gentles do not laugh at your life; being ſuch, as it rather deſerueth admiration then laughter: of which,

which, ſince you haue giuen vs ſo full an account, it is reaſonable, that wee pay you in the ſame Coyne. Wherefore, reſting vpon your prudence, as you haue done vpon ours, if the companie will giue me leaue, I will tell you the occaſion of their laughter. Euery one anſwered, that he was well content; for they knew, that his great diſcretion & experience would not ſuffer him to go beyond the limits of reaſon. Know then (ſaid he) that thoſe two whom you ſee yõder, almoſt out of breath with laughing, are the Prieſt & the Damſell, that leaped naked out at the Window, when the inundation of your Tub had like to haue drowned them; who (if they pleaſe) will tell you how and by what meanes they haue attayned to this ſtate of life. The Gipſey offered her ſelfe very willingly, and crauing the beneuolence of the

worthie Auditorie, with a loud, but gentle and graue voyce, shee thus began her owne story. The day that I came out, or (to say better) that I leaped out of my Fathers house, they carryed me to Prison, and put me in a Chamber, rather darke then cleane, and farre more stinking then handsome. As for the worshipfull Master *Vruez*, who is here present, and may disprooue me if I speake vntruth, they clapped him vp in the Dungeon, till he told them that he was a Priest: wherefore they presently sent him to the vnder Bishop; who very sharply reprehended him for hauing been so faint-hearted, as for a little Water to haue leaped out at a Window before all the World, and giuen such a scandall: But with promise that hee made him, to be more warie and circumspect another time, and to doe his businesse in such sort, as the ground

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it ſelfe ſhould not be priuie to his ingreſſe and egreſſe; he let him goe, enioyning him for penance, That for three dayes hee ſhould not ſing Maſſe. I remained in the cuſtodie of the chiefe Keeper or Captaine of the Priſon; who being youthfull and luſtie, and I young and not vnhandſome, did whatſoeuer he could to pleaſe me. The Priſon to mee was a Palace, and Garden of delights. My Father and my Mother, though greatly diſpleaſed with my looſeneſſe, did what they could to ſet me looſe, but all in vaine; for the Captaine did worke all poſſible meanes to detaine mee ſtill in his keeping. In the meane time, Maſter Licentiat, here preſent, went round about the Priſon, like a ſetting Dogge, to ſee if hee could ſpeake with me: which at length hee did, by the meanes of a Baud, the beſt of her Profeſſion; who dreſſed him in the

the attyre of one of her Maids, with a Petticoat and Waſtcoat, and a Muffler before his Beard, as if hee had had the Mumpes: at this enterview was the plot layd for my eſcape. The night following, there was great feaſting and reuelling at the Earle of *Miranda's* houſe; and in the end, the Gipſeyes were to dance; with whom *Canil* (for ſo is the reuerend *Vruez* now called) conſorted himſelfe, to haue their helpe in his pretences: which they ſo well executed (thanks to his wit and induſtrie) that we enioy both our deſired libertie, and his companie, that is the beſt in the world. The after-noone before the Feaſt, the Captaine kept more fidling about me, then a Cat about a Tripe-Wife; and made me more proteſtations and promiſes, then a paſſenger in a Storme at Sea: all which (as bound thereunto) I encountred

countred againe with the like. He desired me to aske him whatsoeuer I would, and hee would graunt it me, so it were not to be depriued of my presence. I thanked him very much, telling him, that to want his, would be to me the greatest mischance that euer could happen vnto me. Perceiuing I had hit the marke, I entreated him to carry me that night (since well he might) to the Earles house, to see the Dancing. This thing seemed very hard vnto him; neuertheless, not to goe backe from his word, and because the little blinde Archer had wounded him with one of his Arrowes, hee did promise it me. Now was the High Sheriffe in loue with me, and had giuen charge to all the Guards, and to the Captaine himselfe, to giue me good entertainment, and to haue a care that no body should carry me forth.

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To conuey mee therefore more closely to the Reuels, hee attyred mee like a Page: my Doublet and Hose were of greene Damaske, layd with Gold Lace; the Cloake of Veluet, of the same colour, lined through with yellow Sattin; a Bonnet with a Herons-top and feather, and a Diamond Hat-band; a Ruffe with seaming Lace, and Peakes; Straw-colour Stockins; great Garters and Roses, sutable to my Apparrell; a paire of White Pinckt Shooes; with a gilded Rapier and Dagger, according to the fashion. Wee came to the Banquetting-Roome, and found there a great number of Ladies and Gentlemen; the Gentlemen jouial, and in good equipage; the Ladies gallant, and beautifull: and also many muffled vp in their Cloakes, and Women with Veyles. *Canil* was dressed like a Roarer; and seeing mee, came straight-

ſtraightwayes on the other ſide of me; ſo that I was betweene him and the Captaine. The Reuelling began; where I ſaw things, which becauſe they belong not to what I intend to ſpeake of, I will omit. But at length, the Gipſeyes came to dance, and ſhew tricks: whereupon two of them grew to words, and ſo from one thing to another, the one gaue the other the Lye; who anſwered him with a ſlaſh with his Sword ouer the head, that made him bleed like an Oxe. The companie, that till then had thought they had beene in jeſt, began to be amazed, and to cry out, Help, help. Some Officers and Sergeants, that were there, began to beſtirre themſelues. Euery one put his hand to his Sword, and I drew mine; but when I ſaw it naked in my hand, I fell a quiuering for very feare of it. They layed hold on the offender, and

and there wanted not some, who (being there set for the purpose) said, That the Captaine of the Prison was there, to whose charge they might deliuer him. The High Sheriffe called him out, to giue him charge of the Murtherer. He would willingly haue carryed me along with him: but fearing least I should be knowne, hee bad me with-draw my selfe into a corner which hee shewed me, and not to stirre from thence, vntill hee returned. When I saw the Crab-lowse had let goe his hold, I tooke my *Domine Canil* (who was still at my elbow) by the hand, and in two strides wee got out into the street, where we found one of these Gentlemen, who brought vs to their *Rendez-vous*. When the wounded man (whom alreadie euery one thought to be dead) imagined in himselfe that we were escaped, hee

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roſe vp and ſaid, Gentlemen, the jeſt ſhall end here, for I am in good health; and what hath beene done, hath beene onely to make ſport to the companie. And with that, hee pulled off the Cap hee had on, vnder the which (vpon an Iron Skull) was an Oxes Bladder full of bloud for that purpoſe; which, with the blow that the other had giuen him, had beene broken, & ſo ſpilt. Euery one fell a laughing at the jeaſt, except the Captaine, who found it to be a troubleſome one: for comming to the place appointed, & not finding me there, he began to ſeeke vp and downe the roome, till that asking an old Gipſey woman, if ſhe had not ſeene a Page with ſuch and ſuch tokēs, ſhe (that knew the whole drift) told him, Yea, and that ſhe had heard him ſay as hee went out, holding a man by the hand, Let vs goe retire our ſelues to S. *Phillips*.

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Hee went thither in all haſte, for to ſeeke me, but to little purpoſe; for hee went towards the Eaſt, and we fled towards the Weſt. Before we left *Madrid*, I had changed my Cloathes for others, and had two hundred Ryals to boote: I ſold the Hat-band for foure hundred Crownes, whereof I gaue two hundred to theſe Gentlemen, for our entrance into their companie; for ſo had *Canil* couenanted with thē. This is the whole diſcourſe of my libertie: If Maſter *Lazaro* doth deſire any thing elſe, let him command, and hee ſhall be ſerued, according as his worthie and iouiall preſence doth deſerue. I thanked her for her courteſie; and with as much as I was able, I tooke my leaue of them all. The good old man brought mee a mile on my way: and as we went, I asked him, If all thoſe that were there, were

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Gipſeyes, borne in *Egypt*. He anſwered me, The Deuill a one there was in all *Spaine*; but that they were all Prieſts, Friers, Nunnes, or Theeues that had broke out of Priſon, or out of their Cloyſters: but yet, that among them all, thoſe that came from Monaſteries, were the greateſt and moſt notorious Villaines, changing a contemplatiue life into an actiue. Hee returned to his companie, & I on horſebacke vpon S. *Francis* his Mule, followed my way to *Valledolid*.

Chap. XII.

What hapned to Lazaro *in a Tauerne two miles off from* Valledolid.

ALl the way long did I nothing but thinke vpon my good Gipſeyes, their life, cuſtomes, and behauiour. I wondred much, how the Magiſtrates

would suffer publike Theeues to goe so freely and openly; all the World knowing, that to filch and steale, is their onely Imployment and Occupation. They are the Refuge and Receptacle of all Rogues; the Sanctuarie for Apostataes; and the Schoole of all mischiefe. But chiefely I did maruell, that Friers should forsake their sweet & quiet life, for the miserable and toilesome life of a Gipsey. Neither had I beleeued to be true, what the old Gipsey told me; had he not showne me, halfe a mile from the place where they were lodged, behinde the Wall of a Close, a Man and Woman Gipsey: hee frolicke and lustie, shee plumpe and comely; hee not parched with the Sunne, shee not blasted with the vnkindnesse of the Weather: The one sung a Verse of the Psalmes of *Dauid*; the other answered with another. The

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good old man assured me, that they were a Frier and a Nunne; who, not aboue eight dayes before, were come to their Congregation, with a desire to make profession of a most austere life. I followed my way, vntill I came to a Tauerne two miles off from *Valledolid*; at the doore whereof, I found sitting the old Woman of *Madrid*, and the young Gentlewoman, of whom I haue spoken. There came out a young Gallant, to bid them come in to Dinner. They could not know me, I was so disguised, with my Patch still vpon my Eye, and my Cloathes right Beggars Cut; but I knew my selfe to be that *Lazaro* that was come out of the Graue, that had been so costly vnto mee. I went in after them, & stood before them, to see if they would giue me somewhat: but it had beene a hard matter for them so to doe, hauing

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not enough for themselues: for the worthy Gentleman, that had played the Steward, had beene so liberall, that for himselfe, his Sweetheart, and the old Baud, hee had causèd to be made readie a little Hogs Liuer, with a sawce to whet their appetite; all which, I could easily haue gobled vp, in lesse then two Morsels. The Bread was as blacke as the Table-Cloth, which seemed like the Cassocke of some Penitent, or the Maulkin wherewith an Ouen is made cleane. Eat, my Loue (said the Gentleman) for this is a diet for a Prince. The Baud fell too roundly, and said not one word for feare of losing time, because shee saw that shee was not to goe often to the Dish; which they began to licke, and rubbe so hard, that (it being of Earth) they scraped away all the Varnish. Their pitifull and short Meale being ended,

The ghostly Fathers enioyne to some for a penance, to weare black Buckeram Cassocks, with a Wax Candle in their hands, to accompanie others that doe whip themselues.

ded, (which had rather prouoked, then in any manner aſſwaged their hunger) the gentle Louer made his excuſe, ſaying, That the Tauerne was vnprouided. I ſeeing, that there was nothing there for me, asked the Hoſte, If he had any thing to eate? who anſwered me, According to the pay; and would haue giuen mee a little Hogs-Haſlet: but I asked him, if he had nothing elſe? hee offered me a Quarter of Kidde, that the amorous Gallant had refuſed, becauſe it was too deare. I thought to come ouer them with a Brauado, and ſo I bad him giue it me. I went and ſate downe with it at the lower end of the Table; where, it was a ſport to ſee how they looked vpon me. Euery bit that I put into my mouth, did draw ſix eyes after it; for thoſe of the Louer, of the Gentlewoman, and of the Baud, were nayled to

what I did eate. How comes it to passe (said the Damsell) that yonder Beggar doth eate a Quarter of Kidde, and wee three haue had nothing but a poore piece of fryed Liuer? The Gallant answered, That hee had asked the Hoste for Partridges, Capons, or Hennes, and that hee had told him, that hee had nothing else to giue him. I, that knew how the matter went (and that for feare of spending, or for not hauing wherewithall, hee had dieted them) did notwithstanding hold my peace, and ply my Victuals. I thinke in my conscience, that that Kiddes meate was a Loadstone; for when I least tooke heed, I found them all three round about my Dish. The shameless and brazen-faced Wench tooke a piece, and said, Brother by your leaue; but before she had it, it was alreadie in her mouth. The old Mumbler replyed,

plyed, Do not take away the poore Wretch his meat from him. I will not take it away (anſwered ſhe) for I doe meane to pay him very well for it; and in ſaying ſo, ſhee fell to it with ſuch haſte and greedineſſe, that it ſeemed ſhee had not eaten in ſixe dayes before. The good Matron tooke a bit, to know how it taſted. What (ſayth my Gallant) doe you like it ſo well? and therewith pops me a piece in his mouth as bigge as his fiſt. But I perceiuing them to grow ſomewhat too bold, tooke all that was in the Diſh, and made but one mouthfull of it; which was ſo great, that I could neither get it backward nor forward, Beeing in this perplexitie, there came to the Tauerne gate two horſmē, armed with coats of Mayle, Headpieces, & Bucklers, ech of thē carying a Petronel at his ſide, & another at their Saddle-bow:

who alighting, gaue their Mules to a Foot-man, and asked the Hoste if hee had any thing to eate? hee answered them, That hee had wherewith to giue them good entertainment; and therefore, if it pleased their Worships, they might walke into the Hall, whilest Meat was a making ready. The old Woman, who hearing the noyse, was gone out to the doore, and came straight in againe, with her two hands vpon her face, bending and bowing her body a thousand times like a new hooded Monke, speaking as out of a Trunke, and wresting and wringling now one side, then the other, as if shee had beene in Child-birth, as low and as well as shee could, shee said, Wee are all vndone, for the Brothers of *Clara* (for so was the Gentlewoman called) are at the Gate. The young Wench hearing this, began to take on, and to pull her

her ſelfe by the haires, & to thumpe and miſ-uſe her ſelfe, as if ſhee had beene out of her wits. But the young Gallant, that was ſtout and couragious, comforted her, and bad her be of good cheare; and that where hee was, ſhee needed not to feare any thing. I (who all this while had ſtill the great piece of Kidde in my mouth) when I vnderſtood that thoſe Swaſh-bucklers were there, was like to haue died for feare; and had died indeed, had it not beene that my Throat being ſtopped with the Meat, my Soule could find no paſſage to get out, and therefore was conſtrained to returne againe into her place. The two roaring Boyes came in; and as ſoone as they perceiued their ſiſter, and the old Hagge, they cryed out, Here they be, Now wee haue them, Kill, kill them. At this vproare, I was ſo affrigh-

affrighted, that I fell to the ground; and with the fall, I cast out the Kidde that did choake me. The two Women put themselues behinde the Gentleman, as Chickens doe vnder the Hennes wings, when they runne away from a Kite. Hee with a braue spirit drew out his Rapier, and went towards them with such furie, that for very feare they stood still like two Statues, their wordes beeing frozen in their mouths, and their Swords in their Scabberds. Hee asked them what they would, or what they sought? and with that comming to the one, he pulled out his Sword, holding the point thereof at his eyes, and of his owne at the eyes of the other; so that at the least motion of the Swords, they quaked and trembled like Leaues vpon a Tree. The old Woman and the Sister seeing the two *Brauachios* so heartlesse, came

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to them, and disarmed them. The Host came in at the noyse that wee made (for I was already got vp, and had one of them by the Beard) not vnlike to the counterfeit Bulls of my Countrey, which childrē at first sight doe flye from; but growing bolder by little and little, and perceiuing that they are not wilde, nor what they seeme to be, do come so neere thē, that (hauing lost all feare) they cast & hang vpon them a thousand Dish-clothes. So I seeing that those scar-Crowes were not what they appeared to be, tooke heart at grasse, & set vpon thē with as much boldnesse as my former feare could affoord me. What is the matter here, said the Host? What stirre is this in my house? The Women, the Gentleman, and I began to cry out, They are Theeues, that come following vs, for to rob vs. The Host that saw thē without their weapons, and

and vs with the victorie, sayd, What? Theeues in my house? And thereupon layd hands vpon them, and with our helpe, did put them into a Vault vnder ground, notwithstanding any thing they could alledge to the contrarie. Their man, who by this time had giuen meate to their Mules, comming in, & asking for his Masters, was by the Host sent to keepe them companie. Then did he take their Cloake-bagges, Mayles, and other furniture, and locked them vp; diuiding their Weapons betweene vs, as if they had beene his owne. Hee asked nothing of vs for his Meate, that wee might be Witnesses in the Information which hee had made against them; vpon the which, as an Officer of the Inquisition (which hee said hee was) and as Iustice of that place, he condemned them all three to the Galleyes

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for euer, and each of them to two hundred ſtripes round about the Tauerne. They appealed vnto the *chancerie* of *Valledolid*; whither the good Hoſt, and three of his ſeruants did carry them. But when the vnfortunate Wretches thought they had beene before the ſecular Iudges, they found themſelues before the Inquiſitors: for the ſubtile and malicious Tauerner had put within the Informations certaine ſpeeches that they had ſaid againſt the Miniſters of the holy Inquiſition; an irremiſſible offence. They put them in darke Dungeons; from whence (as they thought to haue done) they could not write to their Father, nor come to the ſpeech of any that might helpe them. And there wee will leaue them in good hold, to returne to our Hoſt, whom wee met on the way: who told vs, That the Lords of the Inquiſition had

had giuen him charge to bring before them the Witnesses, that had giuen euidence in the cause; but that notwithstanding (as our friend) hee did aduise vs to absent our selues. The Gentlewoman gaue him a Ring that shee had vpon her finger; desiring him so to worke, as we might not appeare before them: hee did promise it. Now had the Rascall said this, onely to make vs be gone; for feare that (if wee had beene heard) his Villanie (which was not the first) should haue been discouered. About a fortnight after, there was a generall Execution at *Valledolid*; where, among other prisoners, I saw the three poore Diuels come forth with Gags in their mouthes, as Blasphemers, that had beene so presumptuous, as to touch with their tongue the Ministers of the holy Inquisition; men euen as holy and perfect, as the Iustice they

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doe administrate. They wore each of them a penitent Garment, called a *Sanbenito*, and a Paper Miter vpon their heads; whereon were written their offences, and the punishment to be inflicted vpon them for the same. It grieued me to see the poore Foot-man pay what hee did not owe: as for the two other, I had not so much pitty of them, for the little they had had of me. They confirmed the Sentence of the Host, adding moreouer and aboue to euery one of them three hundred stripes: so that they gaue them fiue hundred apeece, & sent them to the Gallies, where their brags & brauadoes had leysure to take breath and coole themselues. For my part, I did seek my fortune, & many times in * *Magdelaine* Field did I meete the two Women, who neuer yet knew me, nor thought that I had knowne thẽ. A while after I saw the young

* Magdelaine Field, is a place to walke in at Valledolid, as Moore-Fields in London.

young Gentlewoman, who had taken vp a Lodging, where shee lay backwards, and did let her foreroomes, to get wherewith to maintaine her selfe and her Gallant. As for the old Woman, she fell againe to her old Trade in that Citie.

CHAP. XIII.

How Lazaro *was Gentleman Vsher to seuen seuerall Women at one time.*

I Came to *Valledolid* with six Ryals in my Purse; by reason that euery one seeing mee so leane and so pale, did giue me their Charities very freely, and I was not slacke in receiuing. I went directly to the Brokers; where, for foure Ryals and a Quartillo I bought me a long Frize Cloake, that had been some Portugals, euen as thredbare as tattered and vnsowne; where-

A Quartillo is three halfe pence.

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with, and a high Steeple-crownd Hat, with broad brims, like a *Franciscan* Fryer, that I bought for halfe a Ryall, and with a Staffe in my hand, I walked the ſtreetes. All that ſaw me, did laugh at me, and euery one gaue me their Squib. One called mee Tauerne-Philoſopher: another, Behold where Saint *Peter* goeth, apparrelled as on a holy-day Fiue. Some would ſay, Gentleman of *Portugall*, will you haue any Greaſe to anoint your Bootes. Others there were, who affirmed, that I ſeemed to bee the Ghoſt of ſome Hoſpitall Phyſician. But I with Merchants eares, heard all, ſayd nothing, and ſtill paſſed on. I had not gone through many Streetes, when I met a Woman with a great Fardingale, and Pattens of the largeſt ſize, who leaned her hand vpon a Boyes head, and was couered with a Cypres Veyle.

vnto her ſtomacke; ſhe asked mee if I could tell her of any Gentleman-Vſher: I anſwered her, that I knew of none, but my ſelf, of whom (if it pleaſed her) ſhe might diſpoſe as of her owne. The agreement was made betwixt vs without any farther delay, ſhee promiſing mee for meate, drinke and wages, three quartillos a day. I tooke poſſeſſion of the Office, and gaue her my armie, and threw away my Staffe, as hauing now no more need of it, for I carryed it only to be thought ſicke, and mooue people to compaſſion. Shee ſent the Boy home, bidding him tell the Maide ſhe ſhould lay the Cloth, & make ready dinner. She led me aboue two houres vp and downe from one place to another. The firſt viſite we came at, the good Gentlewoman warned me, that whē we came nigh the houſe that ſhe was to goe to, I ſhould

That is 4. pence halfe penny.

ſhould run before & enquire if the Maſter or the Miſtreſſe were within, and ſay, My Miſtreſſe *Ieane Perez* (for that was her name) is here, who deſireth to kiſſe their hands. She told me moreouer, that when ſhe did ſtay any where, I was neuer to haue my Hat on before her: I anſwered her, that I knew very well the dutie of a Seruant, and that I would performe it. I had an exceeding deſire to ſee the face of my new Miſtreſſe, but I could not, becauſe ſhe was vailed. She told me that ſhee could not maintaine mee alone for her ſelfe; but that ſhee would finde ſome of her neighbors whom I might ſerue, and that betweene them they would giue mee the conſideration ſhee had promiſed mee, and in the meane time (till they were conſorted, which would bee verie ſhortly) ſhe would pay me her part.

Shee asked me, if I knew where to lye a Nights? I told her, No. You shall not want Lodging (said shee) for my Husband is a Taylor, and hath Prentices, with whom you shall share Bedding: You could not haue found a better place in the whole Citie; for before three dayes be at an end, you shall haue six Mistresses, and euery one shall giue you a Quarto, which will be three Blancks more then I haue promised you. I could not but wonder at the state and grauitie of that Woman, who seemed (at the least) the Wife of some great Gentleman, or wealthy Citizen: and withall, it astonished mee to consider, how for three poore Quartillos, and three Blanckes a day, I was to waite vpon seuen Mistresses. But I considered, that something was better then nothing, and that the Office was not painefull, a thing

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thing I hated as the Deuill himselfe: for I haue alwayes chosen rather to eate Cabbage and Garlike without working; then to worke, and feede vpon Hennes and Capons. When wee came home, shee gaue me her Veyle and Pattens, to deliuer them to the Maid, and then I saw what I so much desired. I found, that my little Woman was handsome enough; shee was browne, of a good behauiour, and comely feature. What I only disliked in her, was, that her face did shine like an Earthen Porrenger varnished. She gaue me the Quarto, bidding me come twice a day, once at eight a clocke in the morning, and againe at three in the afternoone, to know if she would go abroad, or no. I went from thence to a Cookes-shop, and with a Pie of a quarto I made an end of my allowance, passing the rest of the day

like a Cameleon; for I had already spent the Almes that had beene giuen me vpon the way, and durst not fall a begging againe, for my Mistresse (if shee had knowne it) would haue eaten me quicke. I went to her house at three a clocke; she told me, that she would not go foorth, but that she would haue me know, that from thence forwards she would pay nothing that day she went not abroade, and if so bee she went out but once in a whole day, I should then haue but two Marauedies. Furthermore, she sayde, that since she allowed mee my bedding, she did also expect to be serued before all others, and that I should entitle my selfe her seruant. The Bed (to speake truth) was such, as it deserued well that prerogatiue and much more, for shee made mee lye with her Prentises vpon a great

A Marauedy is the least mony they haue in Spaine, and is worth a little aboue halfe a farding of our mony.

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Table, and the diuell any thing elſe there was, but an old rotten thred-bare Blanket to couer vs. I paſſed foure dayes with the plentifull Diet that foure Marauedies could affoord me, and at the end of them, there entred into the ſocietie a Tauerners wife who was aboue an houre in bargaining for the poore quarto. To conclude, within fiue dayes I found ſeauen Miſtreſſes, and ſeauen quartos a day of allowance, ſo that I began to liue very ſplendidiouſly, drinking not of the worſt Wine, though not altogether of the beſt, that ſo I might cut my Cloake according to my cloath. The other fiue were, a Sergeants widdow, a Gardners wife, the bare footed Nunnes Chaplaines Neece (for ſo ſhe ſtiled her ſelfe) a wench for any thing; and a Tripe-wife, whom I did beſt

affect, because that when shee did pay me her Quarto, shee would alwaies bid me to some of her Tripe-broath, of the which before I went out of her house, I would send some three or foure Porrengers ful into my guts; so that I liued so well that I pray God I may neuer liue worse. The last was a deuout woman (called a *Beata*) with whom I had more to doe, then with all the reft; for she neuer visited any but Monkes and Friers, with whom when she was alone, she was in her kingdome: her house was like a Bee-Hiue, some went out, and other came in, but all of them with their great sleeues stored with one thing or other. They gaue me (that I might be secret) some peeces of meate, which they saued in their sleeues, out of their allowance in the Conuet. I neuer saw in all my life a better hypocrite then this

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my Miſtreſſe was; when ſhe went through the ſtreet ſhee neuer lifted her eyes from the ground; and her beades were neuer out of her hands wherewith ſhee ſtill mumbled her prayers. Al ſuch as knew her would deſire her to pray to God for them, for without doubt her prayers were very acceptable vnto him. Shee would anſwer them, that ſhee was a great ſinner (wherein ſhee lyed not, but couſened them with the naked truth.) Now had euery one of theſe my Miſtreſſes their ſet houres, when one had told mee that ſhe would not ſtirre foorth, I went to another till I had ended my taske. But eſpecially I was (and that without faile) to go find them againe at my appointed time; for if by miſchance I miſſed neuer ſo little, then would my Miſtreſſe, before all the company that ſhe viſited, ſcold and rayle me out of my skinne;

skinne, & threaten me, that if I continued in this careleſneſſe & negligence, ſhe would ſeeke out another Gentleman-Vſher that ſhould be more diligent, obſeruant, and punctual. So that to heare her brawle & threaten with ſuch arrogancy, a mã would haue thought ſhe had giuen me euery day 2. Ryals for my diet onely, and 30 Duckets a yeere ſtanding Wages. When they went abroad, one would haue taken them for the wiues of ſome Preſidents of *Caſtilla*, at the leaſt of ſome Councellours. It fortuned one day that the Chaplaines Neece, and the Sergeants wife met together in a Church, and being both of them to returne home at the ſame time, there aroſe a great controuerſie betweene them, which of the two I was to accompany, making a noyſe as if they had bin in a Faire. They pulled and tugged me, one of this

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ſide, another of that ſide, with ſuch rage and fury, that at length they tore my cloake in pieces, leauing me ſtarke naked; for the diuell any other cloathes had I vnder it but a ragged ſhirt that looked like a fiſhermans net. Thoſe that through the caſements thereof did caſt their eyes vpon the nuditie of my fleſh, did burſt out into extreame laughter. Some would mocke poore *Lazaro*; & others gaue eare to the two women who pulled their grandfathers out of their graues. The haſte I had to gather vp againe the pieces of my cloake, which, for being ſomwhat too ripe, were fallē to the ground; would not permit me to heare what they ſaid one to another; onely I heard the widdow ſay, Where hath this Baggage (I wonder) gotten all this pride? but yeſterday ſhee was a Tankard-wench, & to day ſhe ruffles it in her

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silkes, at the cost of the soules in Purgatory. The other replyed, But you Mistresse Wag-taile do mince it in your Stammell, earned of those who with a *Deo gratias*, and a God reward you, do pay for whatsoeuer they possesse: and if I yesterday carried the water Tankard, you beare to day the wine Bottle. The company that stood by parted them, for they had already one another fast by the haire. Hauing gathered vp the dismēbred member of my poore cloake, I asked a couple of pinnes of a mumbler of Pater-nosters that was there, wherwith I mended it as well as I could to hide my nakednesse: and leauing them brawling, I went me to my Mistresse the Taylors wife, who had warned me to come and fetch her at eleuen a clocke, because shee was to goe to dinner at a friends house; when she saw mee in this

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pickle, she began to fal a scoulding at me; saying, What do you thinke to earne my money by waiting on me thus like a Roague? with farre lesse wages then I giue you I could haue a Gentleman-Vsher with handsome Trouses, a neat Doublet a good Cloake, and a comely Bonnet; and you doe nothing but Tipple vp all I giue you. What Tippling (sayd I to my selfe) with seuen poore quartos that I earne a day, when I earne the most, for many passed that my Mistresses for feare of paying mee my quarto, would not goe abroade. She made the peeces of my Cloake to bee stitched one to another, and for very haste they put them vpside downewards, in which manner I waited on her.

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CHAP. XIIII.

Lazaro *reherſed what happened at a Banquet.*

WE poſted like a Frier inuited to a feaſt; for the good Lady feared there ſhould not be enough for her. We came to her friends houſe, where we found other women that were likewiſe inuited, who asked my Miſtreſſe, Whether I was ſufficient to keepe the doore? ſhee anſwered them, Yes. Then they ſayd to me, Stand here brother, to day you ſhall fare royally. There came in many gallants, euery one pulling out of his pocket, this man a Partridge, and that man a Henne; one brought forth a Rabbet, another a paire of Pigeons; this a peece of Mutton, that a chine of Porke; ſome drew out Sawſiges or Chitterlings:

terlings: and such a one there was, that pulled out a Pie of a Ryall wrapped vp in his Handkercher. They deliuered all to the Cooke, and whilest dinner was in preparing, they sported with the Gentlewomen. What passed there betweene them, is neither lawfull for me to reherse, nor for the Reader to contemplate. But the Play being ended, meate was serued in, and all sate downe, the Gentlewomen plying the dishes soundly; and the Gallants taking their Cups roundly. What remained vpon the table, the women put it vp in their pockets. The Gentlemen returning to their hãdkerchiefs, drew forth their last course. One broght out apples, another Cheese, another Oliues, & one of them (who was the chiefe and stitched the Tailers wife) drew out halfe a pound of Comfits. This manner of carrying meate so neere

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at hand for any necessity, did please me wondrous well, and therefore from thence forwards, I purposed to make three or foure pockets in the first breeches that God should send me (for at that time I had not any) and one of them should be of such leather as blacke Iackes are made of, very well sowne to put porridge in. For if those Gallants that were so rich, and so noted, did bring all the prouision in their pockets: and the Gentlewomen did carry it away crammed within theirs. I (who was but Vsher to a crew of Cockatrices) might very well do it. We went at length among vs seruants to dinner, and the diuell any thing else was there for vs, but Porridge and Sops. I wondred that the good Ladies had not also put that into their wide sleeues. We had hardly begun to eate, when we heard a great

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noyſe in the Roome where our Maſters were. They diſputed who their Parents had beene, and what the Womens Husbands were; vntill that leauing wordes, they fell roundly to blowes, and pell-mell one with another, did let hands, feete, teeth, and nayles doe their function, in ſcratching, biting, kicking, cuffing, and tugging one another by the haires. The occaſion of this Vprore (as farre as I could vnderſtand) was, that ſome of the Gallants would neyther giue, nor pay any thing to the Gentlewomen, telling them, that what they had eaten, did ſuffice. It chanced, that vpon this ſtirre, a Commiſſarie, with other Officers of Iuſtice, did paſſe through the Street; who hearing the noyſe, came to the Doore, and charged them to open in the Kings Name: Which words being heard, euery one began to

runne, one this way, another that way: One left his Cloake, another his Sword: This Woman left her Pattens; that, her Veyle: so that all vanished, and hid themselues, euery one where best hee could. I, (who had done nothing for which I should runne away) did not stirre; but (as I was Porter) opened the Doore, least they should accuse mee to haue resisted the Kings Officers. The first Sergeant that entred, taking first hold of me by the necke, said, That hee arrested mee: and being thus in his hold, they shut fast the Doores, and went to seeke those that had made the noyse. They left no Chamber, Closet, Butterie, Cellar, Garret, nor Priuie vnsearched: but seeing they could finde no body, they tooke my examination. I confessed from one end to the other, who those were that

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were there, and what they had done. They wondred, that there being ſo many, as I ſayd; they could not finde any: And to ſpeake the truth, I my ſelfe was much amazed at it, for there were twelue Men, and ſixe Women. Wherefore I told them (as indeede I did beleeue it) that I thought, that all thoſe that had beene there, and made that noyſe, were Spirits; whereupon they fell a laughing at me. The Commiſſarie asked thoſe that had beene in the Cellar, if they had ſearched well in euery corner: they anſwered him, Yes. But hee not ſatisfied therewith, cauſed a Torch to be lighted, to goe downe himſelfe. Entring at the doore, they ſaw a great Tub rowle vp and downe the Cellar; wherewith the Sergeants beeing frighted, began to runne away, ſaying:

By God this man sayth true, heere are nothing but Hobgoblins. The Commissarie, who was more craftie, stayed them, saying, That hee did not feare the Deuill; and with that, went to the Tub, and opening it, found within it a Man and a Woman, both of them as naked as their Mother brought them into the World, by reason, that when the said Commissarie did knocke at the doore, they were a bed together vpon termes of agreement, and had not had the leysure, vpon the sudden Alarum, to take their Clothes; but as they were, had hid themselues within that empty Tub. They were all amazed to see them both so faire; but casting Cloakes vpon them, they committed them to the custodie of two Sergeants, and went on to seeke the others. The Commissarie discouered a great Earthen Vessell full of Oyle, with-

within the which hee found a man cloathed, and vp to the breſt in the ſaid Oyle: who (as ſoone as they perceiued him) thought to haue leaped forth; which he could not doe ſo artificially, but that both hee and the Veſſell came to the ground, ſo that the Oyle did rebound vp to their Hats, and without any reſpect ſtayned them all; which made them curſe both the Office, and the Deuill that firſt inuented it. The Oyly man, ſeeing that no body did ſtay him (but to the contrary, that all fled from him as from a mad Dogge) betooke himſelfe to his heeles; and though the Commiſſarie cryed out, Stay him, Stay him, yet neuertheleſſe euery one gaue him way, ſo that he went out at a back-doore, piſſing Oyle, of the which he had enough out of his Garments, to maintaine the Lampe of our Lady of Diſtreſ-

ſes a month and more. All the Officers remained drenched in oyle, curſing him that had brought the thither, and me alſo: for they ſayd I was the Bawd, and for ſuch a one ſhould be puniſhed. They came out of the Cellar as Fritters out of a Frying-pan, leauing a tract whereſoeuer they paſſed. They were ſo angry, that they vowed to God and the foure Euangeliſts to hang all thoſe that they found; which made vs priſoners to ſtinke for feare. They went to Corne and Meale roomes to ſeeke out the reſt; and being there, from aboue through a trap-doore was a ſack of Meale powred vpon them, wherewith they were all blinded, and cryed out, Violence to the Kings Officers: and if they thought to open their eyes, they were inſtantly cloſed vp with water and meale. Thoſe that had the kee-

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ping of vs, left vs to goe helpe the Commiſſarie, that roared out like a mad-man. But they were ſcarce entred, when their eyes alſo were filled with Meale and Water: ſo that they went vp and downe, as if they had beene playing at Blind-man-buffe; and meeting one another in this manner, did enterchange ſuch Cuffes and Blowes, that they brake one anothers Chops, and Teeth. When wee ſaw them in ſuch diſorder, wee came in vpon them, and they vpon themſelues with ſuch might, that being wearie, and out of breath, they fell to the ground, where blowes and ſpurnes fell vpon them as thicke as hayle, vntill they were as ſtill as if they had beene dead: for if any one did but open his mouth to grunt neuer ſo little, hee had it ſtraightwayes filled with Meale, and crammed like a Capon.

Wee bound them hand and foot, and carryed them into the Cellar, and threw them into the Oyle, like Fiſhes to be fryed, where they wallowed like Hogges in the myre. Then did wee ſhut vp all the doores, euery one returning to his owne houſe. The owner of the houſe, where theſe Reakes were played (who was gone into the Countrey) comming home preſently after, and finding the doores faſt, and that no body did anſwere (by reaſon that a Neece of his, to whom he had encharged his houſe, which ſhee had lent for that meeting, was gone home to her Fathers, for feare of her Vnckle) hee cauſed the doores to be broken open. But when hee found his houſe all ſtrewed with Meale, and bedawbed with Oyle, hee was ſo vexed, that hee tooke on as if hee had beene drunke: then hee went into his

his Cellar, where hee found all the Oyle ſpilt, and the Officers tumbling in it. With rage and madneſſe to ſee his goods ſpoyled after this manner, he tooke a great Cudgel, and gaue the Commiſſarie and the Sergeants ſo many blowes, that hee left them for halfe dead: then calling his neighbours to his ayde, they carryed them into the Street, where the Boyes fell a throwing Mudde, Durt, and Shoo-Clouts vpon them; for they were ſo full of Meale, that no body could know them. When they came againe to themſelues, and perceiued they were in the Street, and vnbound, they preſently roſe vp, and betooke themſelues to their heeles; ſo that one might very wel then haue ſaid, Stop the Conſtable. They left behind them their Cloakes, Swords, and Daggers; not daring to returne againe for them, that no

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body might know the Businesse. The Master of the house tooke possession of all, in recompence of the losse hee had sustained. When I went out of the house, to goe my way, I met with a Cloake that was none of the worst, which I tooke vp, and left mine in stead of it. I gaue God thankes, that I came off so well in that dayes aduenture; which was a new world to me, who was wont alwayes to goe by the worst. I went to the Taylors Wiues house, where I found a great hurly-burly, and the Taylor taking measure of his Wiues ribbes with a good Cudgell, because shee was come home alone, without Veyle, or Pattens, running through the streets with more then a hundred Boyes at her tayle. I came in good time: for as soone as the Taylor saw me, hee left his Wife, and fell vpon my Iacke, giuing me

me a blow with his fiſt ouer the Face, wherewith he ſtruck out thoſe few Teeth that I had left me, and ſome tenne or twelue ſpurnes in the Guts, that made me caſt vp againe that little which I had eaten. What (ſaid he) infamous Baud, are you not aſhamed to come to my houſe? You ſhall ſurely now pay your old and new Score both at once; and calling to his Seruants to bring forth a Blanket, they put me into it, and toſſed me at their pleaſures, and my great griefe, leauing me for dead; and in that caſe they layd me vpon a Bench, being alreadie night. When I came againe to my ſelfe, and thought to haue ſtirred, I fell to the ground, and with the fall, I brake one of my Armes. The Day beeing come, by little and by little I crawled vnto a Church Gate: Where, with a pitti-

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pittifull voyce, I craued the charitable Almes of such persons as went in and out.

CHAP. XV.

How Lazaro *made himselfe an Hermite.*

LYing at the Church Doore, and making a collection of my former life; I considered all the misfortunes that I had passed, from the day that I began to serue the Blind man, vntill the present instant: And all Reckonings made vp, I found, that rising early, did not bring on the day faster, nor continuall toyle make a man alwayes rich; but as the Song sayth:

The early riser doth not thriue,
So well as he whom God doth driue.

To him I recommended my selfe, that

that the end might prooue better then eyther the beginning or the middle had beene. It was my chance to be close to a venerable and white-bearded Hermite, hauing a Staffe and Beades in his hand, at the end whereof did hang a Deaths-head, of the bigneſſe of a Conies. This good Father seeing me distressed, with kind and milde speeches began to comfort me, asking me from whence I was, and what chances had brought me to this estate? I, in few and compendious tearmes, gaue him to vnderstand the long and large extent of my bitter and painfull Pilgrimage. Hee was amazed to heare me, and mooued with pietie and pittie towards me, hee inuited me home to his Hermitage. I accepted of his offer, and as well as I could (which was with no little paine) wee came to the Oratorie, which was two miles

miles from thence in a Rocke; close to the which, there was a Chamber with a hollownesse in one of the walls, where his bed stood. Within the Yard was a Cisterne with fresh water, wherewith he watred a Garden, more curious and neate, then vaste and spacious. Here (said the good old man) haue I liued these twenty yeeres, free from the iarring and vnquietnesse of the World: this is (my Brother) the earthly Paradice. Here doe I contemplate both diuine and humane matters; here doe I fast when I am filled, and eate when I am hungry: here doe I watch, when I cannot sleepe; and sleepe, when I am wearie of watching. Here am I solitary, when I want company; and am accompanyed, when I am not alone. Here doe I sing, when I am merry; and weepe, when I am sad. Here doe I worke, when I am not idle; and

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am idle, when I doe not worke. Here do I thinke vpon my bad life that is paſſed; & conſider the good one that is preſent. Here, laſtly, it is where all things are vnknowne; and where the knowledge of all things is attained. It did mee good at the heart to heare the merrily diſpoſed Hermite: And therefore I deſired him to giue mee ſome notion of the Hermiticall life, for it ſeemed to me the quinteſſence of all others. It is by ſo much the beſt (anſwered hee) that hee onely can tell who hath made tryall of it: but wee cannot now haue leyſure to diſcourſe any farther vpon it, by reaſon that it is dinner time. I intreated him to giue mee ſome remedie for my arme, which was very ſore. He did it with ſuch eaſe & facilitie, as frō thence forwards it pained mee no more.

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Wee did eate like Kings, and dranke like *Germans*. Dinner being ended, in the middeſt of our Noone-ſleepe, the good Hermite began to cry out, I dye, I dye. I preſently aroſe, and found him readie to giue vp the Ghoſt. Seeing him in this caſe, I asked him if hee was a dying; hee anſwered me, I, I, I: and onely repeating I, dyed within an houre after. I found my ſelfe in a pecke of troubles; conſidering, that if the man did dye without witneſſes, one might ſay, that I had killed him, and ſo it would coſt me my life, which till then with ſo much adoe I had preſerued; and that few witneſſes would ſerue to conuince me of the Fact, by reaſon that my Garbe and Faſhion would make me be taken rather for a Robber vpon the highwayes, then for a man of worſhip. I came inſtantly out of the Cell,

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to see if I could finde thereabouts any body, to be a witnesse of that death: and looking on euery side, I perceiued a flocke of Sheepe not farre from thence, towards the which I went in all haste (though not without paine, feeling the Taylor still vpon my bones) where I found six or seuen Shepheards, and foure or fiue Shepheardesses, vnder the shade of certaine Willowes, neere adioyning to a delightfull & cleare Spring. The Shepheards did pipe, the Shepheardesses did sing; some capered, and others danced: one held a Wench by the hand, another slept in another Wenches Lap. Briefely, they all passed away the heat of the day in Loue-Games & pleasant discourses. I came vnto them panting & out of breath, desiring the, that without any stay they would come with me, for the Hermite lay a dying. Some of them fol-

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lowed me, leauing the rest to keepe their flockes. Being entred into the Hermitage, they asked the good Hermite, whether he did meane to die? who answered them, I, (but he lyed, for hee had no mind to it, but was forced to it against his will.) When I saw that hee persisted still in one & the same note, answering I, to all questions; I asked him, If he intended that those Shepheards should be his Executors? he said, I. I asked him if he did not make me his sole and lawfull heire? he answered, I. I went on asking him, if hee did not acknowledge and confesse, that whatsoeuer hee did or might possesse, was due vnto me, both for my good and acceptable seruices, as for diuerse things which hee had receiued of me? he againe said, I; which I, I wished might haue been the last accent of his life. But as I perceiued, that there was yet some breath

breath in his body (fearing leaſt he ſhould beſtow it to my loſſe and dammage) I went on ſtill with my demands, cauſing one of the Shepheards to note downe all that hee ſaid; which the Shepheard did with a Coale againſt the Wall, becauſe hee had neyther Penne nor Inckhorne. I asked him, If hee was not content, that that Shepheard ſhould ſigne and ſubſcribe for him vnto his Will, ſince hee himſelfe was vnable to doe it? he anſwered, I, I, I, and thereupon dyed. Wee tooke order for his Buriall, making a Graue for him in his Garden with the greateſt ſpeed that might be, for the feare that I had leaſt hee ſhould riſe againe. I deſired the Shepheards to take part of a Collation; but they thanked me, by reaſon, that it was alreadie time to driue foorth their Cattell, for to feede: and ſo they departed,

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saying, they were very heauy for my losse. I locked fast the doore of the Cell, and ransacked instantly euery corner. I found a great Earthen Vessell full of good Wine, & another of Oyle; two Pots of Honey, two sides of Bacon, much poudred Meat, and some dryed Fruits; all which did please me very well, but yet it was not that which I did seek. I found his Chests full of Linnen; and in a corner of one of them, a Womans garment. Although that made me wonder, yet I wondred more, that a man so prouident and thriftie as hee was, should be without Money. I was in mind to goe to his Graue, and aske him where he had put it; and me thought, that hauing asked him, he made me this answere: Thou Foole, doest thou thinke, that liuing in this vnneighboured and solitarie place, at the mercy of euery Rogue and Theefe,

I was to keepe within a Trunke (in danger of losing it) that which I loued & esteemed more then my life? This inspiration (as if really I had receiued it from his mouth) made me seek in euery corner: but finding nothing, I considered with my self, That if I were to hide Money in such a place as no body might find it, where would I put it? I sayd, within yonder Altar; to the which I went instantly, and lifting vp the Cloth that hung before it, at one side of it, being all of Bricke, I perceiued a Chinke wide enough onely to put through a Ryall of eight. My bloud began to rise, & my heart to pant. I tooke a Pick-axe, and in lesse then two blowes, I threw halfe the Altar to the ground, and discouered the Reliques that were there intombed. I found a Pot of Money, which I told out, and found the summe to be six hundred Ryals.

A Ryall of eight is worth foure shillings.

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The ioy & content that I receiued was so great, that I had like to haue died. I took it frō thence, & digged a Hole without the Hermitage, where I buried it, that (if I were driuen from thence) I might find without, that which I so highly & dearly cherished. That done, I cloathed my selfe in the Hermites Weeds, & went to the City, to giue notice vnto the Prior of the Society, of what was passed; not forgetting before I went, to mend vp againe the Altar as it was before. It was my fortune to meet all the Brethren together, of whom the Hermitage did depend, which was consecrated to Saint *Lazaro*, whence I gathered a good prognostick for my selfe: who when they saw me alreadie gray-headed, and of an exemplary aspect (which is most requisite for such Professions) although they found one difficulty, which was, that I had

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no Beard (becauſe it was not yet growne againe, hauing ſhaued it not long before) yet notwithſtanding, ſeeing (by the report of the Shepheards) that the deceaſed had made me his Heire, they gaue me the hold & poſſeſſion of the Hermitage. But now I ſpeake of Beards, I remember what a certain Frier did once tel me, which was, that in their Order and in others of the moſt reformed ſort, they neuer make any Superior, vnleſſe he be well furniſhed with Beard: by means whereof it cõmeth to paſſe, that many who are ſufficient & capable to exerciſe that charge, are excluded; & others preferred to the ſame, though vnworthy, ſo that their Chin be wel ſtored with downe: as if to rule & gouerne wel, did rather depend of haires, thẽ of a good & ripe vnderſtãding. The Brothers admoniſhed me to liue according to the example & good

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reputation of my Predeceſſor, which was ſuch, as euery one held him for a Saint. I told them, that I would ſhew my ſelfe a *Hercules*. They warned mee likewiſe, that I ſhould not begge but vpon Tueſdayes and Saterdayes, becauſe if I did otherwiſe, the Fryers would puniſh me. I promiſed them to fulfill in all points what they ſhould ordaine me (and the rather, becauſe I had no great minde to come into their clutches, hauing already tryed of what mettle their hands were made.) I began then to begge from doore to doore, with a low, humble and deuout tone (as I had learned in the blind mans Schoole) and that not for any need, but becauſe it is a vſe & cuſtome among Beggars, who the more they haue, the more they deſire, & with more guſt. The folks that did heare me ſay, Pray beſtow ſomething towards the lamp of the

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good Saint *Lazaro*, and did not know the voyce, came out to the Doore, and seeing me, did wonder much, & asked me, Where the father *Anselmo* was? (for so was the good old man called) I told them that hee was departed this world. The one sayd, Now God be with him and giue him good rest that was so good a man. The others, May his blessed Soule enioy celestiall happinesse. Some said, Blessed be he that led such a life; for in fixe yeeres hee hath not eaten any hot meate whatsoeuer. Others said He fasted with bread and water. Some foolish and Superstitious women would kneele downe and call vpon the father *Anselmo*. One asked mee what I had done with his habit. I told her that it was the same that I did weare. She (without saying what she would haue) pulled out her Sizars, and began

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to cut off a piece of that she could first lay hold on, which was iust before my fore-parts; wherupon I began to cry out, fearing shee would haue gelded me. But she seeing me so dismayd, said, Feare not Brother, for I wil not be without a relique of that blessed man, but I will pay for the damage done to your garment. Ah (said some) without doubt before six months be at an end, he wil be canonized, for he hath done many miracles. There came so many to see his Sepulchre, that the house was alwayes full; wherefore I thought it fit to bring him forth vnder a Penthouse before the Hermitage: & frō thence forward, I begd no more for S. *Lazaro's* Lamp, but for that of the Blessed *Anselmo*. I could neuer yet vnderstand that maner of Begging, Giue to the Lampe, or for to light the Saints. But I will not harpe too much vpō that string, for it wil jarre

in the eares of thoſe, who with the Saints Oile do maintain the Lamps of their ſtomacks. I cared not much to go to the City, hauing within the Cell what I deſired; yet leaſt they ſhould ſay I was rich, & therefore I did not beg, I went thither the day folowing, where befel me that which you may read in the next Chapter.

CHAP. XVI.

How Lazaro *would haue married againe.*

GOod lucke is better then a patrimony; to an vnfortunat man, a Hog is no better thē a Dog. Wee ſee oftentimes many men ſpring from the ſlime of the earth, and without knowing how, they do find themſelues rich, honored, feared, & eſteemed. If you aske, Is that man learned? one wil anſwer you, As an Aſſe. Is he wiſe? As a Wood-Cock. Hath he any good qualities? As many as a Carman.

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one would haue thought they did it for a Wager, none of them being able to vtter one word. The first that spoke, was a little Boy, that said, This is not my Daddy. But when this flux of Laughter was somewhat ouer, the Women (who were foure) asked mee for whom I begged? I told them, for Saint *Lazaro*. For Saint *Lazaro*, said they? Why, is not the Father *Anselmo* well? Well? (answered I) yes sure, hee complayneth of nothing, for hee dyed eight dayes agoe. When they heard this, they fell all a roaring; and if their Laughing had beene before great, their Wayling was now greater. Some cryed; others pulled themselues by the hayres; all of them together made such a jarring Musique, that a Quire of hoarse Nunnes could scarce make a worse. One said,

ſaid, What ſhall become of mee Wretch that I am, without a Husband, without Defence, and without Counſaile? Whither ſhall I goe? Who ſhall maintayne mee? O heauie newes! What miſchance is this? Another brake out thus: My deare Sonne in Law, and Maſter! How haue you forſaken vs, without bidding vs farewell? O my poore little Children, now Orphants, and comfortleſſe, where is your good Father? The little Brats held the *Superius* of that vntuned Muſique. Euery one wept, euery one tooke on; there was nothing but Sobs, nothing but Waylings. But when the Waters of that great Deluge grew ſomewhat towards an Ebbe, they enquired of mee, how, and of what Diſeaſe hee dyed. I tolde it them; as alſo, the Will

Will which he made, leauing and ordaining me for his lawfull heire and ſucceſſor. There was the blow. It was there that teares was turned into fury, ſobs vnto blaſphemies, and wallings into threatnings. You are ſome theeſe that haue murthered him, to rob him; but you ſhall not brag of it (ſaid the yongeſt) for that Hermite was my husband, and theſe three children are his: and vnleſſe you do giue vs all his goods, and reſtore vnto mee a garment that I lent him to diſguiſe himſelfe vpon Shroue-Tueſday, we will make you be hanged: and if iuſtice be denyed, there are Swords and Piſtols in the world, wherewith to make you loose a thouſand liues, if ſo many you had. I told them that I had ſufficient witneſſes, before whom hee had made his will. Theſe are all tricks & gulleries (ſayd they) for the ſame

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day that you say hee died, hee was here, and told vs, that hee had no companie. After I had considered with my self, that the Will had not been made vnder the hands of Notaries, and that those Women did threaten me; for the experience that I had of Law, and Suits, I determined to speake them faire, to try if by that meanes I might compasse that which by Law I was assured to lose: as also, for that the teares of the young Widow had penetrated to the interior parts of my heart. And so I desired them to be quiet, telling them, that they should lose nothing by me, and that if I had accepted to be his Heire, it was onely because I thought that the deceased was no married man, hauing neuer heard before that Hermits were married. They (all sadnesse and melancholy being cast off) began to laugh, saying, That they saw well that I was a-

Nouice, and little experimented in that Office, since I knew not, that when an Hermite is termed solitarie, it is meant that hee is to be sequestred from the company and societie of men, and not of women; for there is not any, but hath one at the least, with whom hee may passe in exercises of action, the vacant time, from those of Speculation; imitating in that your holy Predecessors: and so much the more, by reason that they are persons that are better informed of the Will of God, who hath ordained, that man should not be alone: And therefore they, like dutifull & obedient Children, haue each of them one or two wiues, who they maintaine, though it be euen of Almes; & particularly the vnhappie Wretch that is dead, who nourished and kept foure; that poore Widow, and I that am her Mother, and those two her Sisters, be-

besides those three Infants that are his Children, or at least that he held for such. Then she, who they said to be his Wife, said, That shee would not be called the Widow of that old rotten carkasse, that had not remembred her at his death; and that shee would bee sworne, that those Children were none of his; and that from that time shee did annull and breake all contracts of Matrimony made betweene them. I then asked her, what the contents of that contract were? The Mother replyed, saying, The Matrimoniall couenāts that I made, when I married my daughter with that vngrateful man, were these that follow; which, that you may the better vnderstand, I must of necessitie begin farther off. I liued heretofore in a Towne called *Ducnas*, some twelue miles hēce, hauing onely remaining these three daughters, of three sundry fathers,

who (to the neereſt coniecture) were a Monke, an Abbot, and a Prieſt, for I haue bin alwayes much deuoted vnto the Church. But at length I came to dwel in this City, to eſchew the rumors which are frequent in ſuch little places; for euery one termed me the Eccleſiaſticall Widow, by reaſon that (to my griefe) all three of them were dead. And though others preſently did ſupply their places, they were men of little gaine, and of leſſe authoritie; who not contenting themſelues with the Mother, layd ſnares to entrap the young ones: which to preuent, ſeeing the danger eminent, and that the gaine was not ſufficient to maintaine vs, here I pitched, and began to ſet vp. At the report of the three Wenches, ſuitors came as thick as Gnats to the Wine-tap; but to none of them all did I euer incline ſo much as to Churchmen, being

being persons that are secret, rich, thriftie, and patient. Now among others, the Hermite of S. *Lazaro* came a begging, and seeing this Maid, fell in loue with her, and in holinesse and simplicitie did desire her of me for his Wife. I clapped vp the Match vpon these Articles and Conditions that I wil tell you. First, hee obliged himselfe to feede our whole household; and what we our selues could earne, should be to apparell vs, & to put vp. Secondly, that if at any time my daughter did admit any Coadiutor (her being somewhat old and crasie) he should not make any words of it. Thirdly, that he should hold and esteeme as his owne, all the Children that shee should beare, to whom from that instant he assured all whatsoeuer he did or might possesse; & that comming to passe, that my daughter should be without issue, hee did

make her his sole and lawfull heire. Fourthly, that he was not to come into our house, when he should see a Iarre, Pot, or other Vessell at the Window; a token, that then there was no roome for him. Fiftly, that if, hee being in the house, any other did come, he was then to hide himselfe where wee should bid him, vntill the other were departed. Sixtly and lastly, that he should be a Mediator, to bring hither twice euery weeke some friend or acquaintance of his, to make merry with vs, at their owne charges. These are (said she) the conditions, vpon the which that Wretch betrothed himselfe to my daughter, and she to him. The Marriage was made & ended, without either Priest or Curate: for hee told me that it was needlesse, since the essence thereof did consist only in conformitie of mindes and mutuall intentions. I was amazed at

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the speeches of that other *Celestina*, and at the Articles of her daughters marriage: I was perplext, not knowing what to say, vntill they opened a passage to my desires; for the yong Widow fel about my neck, saying, If that vnhappy man had had this Angels face, how much should I haue loued him? and with that, she kissed me. After this kisse, there entred into me I know not what, that began to set me a fire; so that without any delay, or farther discourse, I told her, That if she were minded to forsake her Widow-hood, and receiue me as her owne, I would not onely keepe and fulfill my Predecessors Couenants, but all others whatsoeuer that they would adde. They were well pleased with that, and sayd, That they only desired, that I should put into their hands all that which was in the Hermitage, and that they

would keepe it. I promised them so to doe, but with intent to conceale the Money for a need. The concluding of the Match was referred vnto the next day; and that afternoone they sent a Cart to the Cell, wherein they carryed away all, euen to the ashes, not forbearing so much as the Altar-Cloth, or the Saints Garments. I was so loue-nettled, that if they had asked me the Phœnix, or Water out of the Stygian Lake, I would haue giuen it them. They left me nothing but a poore Straw-bed, whereon I might cast my selfe like a Dogge. When the good Lady, my future Wife (who came with the Cart) saw that there was no Money, shee was angry (for the old man had told her that hee had some, but not where) and asked me if I did not know where the Treasure lay? I told her, No. She, craftie and subtill as she was, todke me

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by the hand, that we might go seeke it together, & carryed me into euery hole and corner of the Hermitage. As wee went about the Altar, shee perceiued the side of the Wall which was newly made vp, whereupon shee chused into suspition of me. And therefore embracing and kissing me, she said vnto me, I pray thee my Loue tell me where the Money is, that we may make merry. Wedding with it, I still denyed that I knew of any. Then she taking me againe by the hand, made me walke our round about the Hermitage, still looking me in the Face; and when wee came to the place where I had hid the Money, my eyes were instantly towards it. She, who all this while watched but for that action, called straightways to her Mother, bidding her set vnder a Stone that I had layd there, which she doing, met with the Mony, and

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I with my death. But shee dissembled, saying, Looke here, wee will liue a merry life with this. Then shewing me all manner of kindnes, they presently (because it grew late) retired to the Citie, and left me vntill the next morning, that I was to goe to their house, where we should make the merriest Wedding that euer was seene. God grant it (said I to my selfe.) All that night I ballanced betweene hope and feare, least those Women should deceiue me, although it seemed impossible vnto me, that a false heart should lurke vnder so good a face, for, as the Byshey said, If thy face be good, thy actions will be answerable. That night was a yeere to me. It was yet scarce day, when as locking vp my Hermitage, I went to be married, as if that had bin but a slight matter; not remembring that Elvira was my wife. I came to the house at their rising;

where they receiued me with such ioy, that I accounted my self a happy man; & all feare layd aside, I began to ordaine and command as in my owne house. Wee made such good cheare, & with such content, that I thought I was in a Paradise: We wanted not company, for they had inuited fiue or six Women of their friends. After Dinner we fel to dancing, and, though I was altogether ignorant therein, they forced me to doe the like. It was the best sport in the world to see me hobble vp & downe in my Hermits attire. But night being come, after a good Supper, & better drinking, they carried me into a faire chamber, where there was a good Bed, and bad me make my selfe vnready, & go to bed first, whilst my Bride was vndressing. I did so, though contrary to the fashion of my coutry, where the woman hath that prerogatiue. A maid was left

her to helpe me off with my Stockings, who told me, that I must put off my Shirt, for it was requisit that for some Ceremonies that were yet to be performed, I should be starke naked. I obeyed her: but I was no sooner in the Bed, but all the Women, and my Bride among them, rushed into the Chamber; and the first thing they did, two of them tooke me by the feet, & two by the armes, & tied instantly foure cords about them, wherewith they bound me to the foure Bed-Posts, leauing me stretched like a S. *Andrew* vpon a Crosse; whereupon they all fell a laughing like mad folkes, & I a roaring like a Bull. But they told me, vnlesse I held my peace, that I was a dead man. Then they tooke a great Basin of hot Water, wherein they pepped my head. I burned my self, & which was worse, if I thought to cry out, they so belaced me with

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stripes, that I was constrained to let the do their pleasure. They scalded off my Beard, haire, eye-browes, and eye-lids, saying, A little more patience, & the Ceremonies will be ended, & you shall enioy your desire. I entreated them to let me goe, for my itch of marrying was now cooled. But one of the boldest of them drawing out a Knife, said to the others, Hold him fast, and I will geld him a little, that his mortified flesh may not another time be tempted to copulation. The holy Hermite beleeued (I thinke) that all wee told him had beene Gospel, but yfaith it was not, nor Epistle neyther. Hee would truste to women; he shall see now what will come on't. When I saw my precious stones in such danger, I struggled in such manner, as I brake one of the Cords, & withall, one of the Bed-Posts, being animated by a desire that I had, to keepe

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my Bells for a Morris-dance. They seeing what I had done, for feare lest I should breake all the Bed, vnbound me, & putting me in a Sheet, they tossed me so long, that they left me for dead. Thefe are, sayd they, Sir, the ceremonies wherwith our Wedding begins; if it please you to come againe to morrow, we will make an end of the rest: & with that, foure of them took me vp, and carryed me a good way from their house, and layd me in the midst of the Street; where the Day found me, and the Boyes began to run after me, and doe me a great deale of mischiefe: so that, to auoyd them, I ran into a Church, close to the High Altar, where they were at Masse. When the Priests saw such a sight, which questionlesse resembled the Deuill that Painters vse to lay vnder S. Michaels feet; they all ran away, & I among them, to free my

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my ſelfe from the miſdemeanors of thoſe Deuils incarnate. The people that was in the Church, cryed out; ſome, Take heed of the Deuill; others, Beware of the Mad-man. I cryed out as well as they, that I was neyther Deuill, nor Mad-man, but onely a poore fellow, whom God for my ſinnes had viſited with that miſerie. When they perceiued, that I was not what they took me to be, they all were quieted; the Prieſts returned backe againe, to make an end of their Maſſe; and the Sexton gaue me the Cloth of a Tombe, to wrap my ſelfe in. I went into a corner, where I cõſidered the croſſes of Fortune, & how on euery ſide man is beſet with miſerie; and therfore I determined to abide in that church & there end my dayes (which, in regard of my former woes, could not be very long) and ſaue the Prieſts a labor of fetching me elſwhere, after my death.

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This is in summe (courteous Reader) the second Part of the Life of *Lazarillo*, without either adding or diminishing, but even as I have heard my great Grandmother tell it. If thou doest like it, expect the third Part, which shall no lesse delight thee.

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